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COLLEGE PERSONNEL

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TOP 25 SENIORS OF '95



'The Chart' takes a look at Southern's Top 25 based on grade-point-average. Section B

'Very fair' Malzahn credits colleagues

By HOLLY DENTNER
CHART REPORTER

After 15 years of service, Dr. Ray Malzahn retires with feelings of gratitude for all those around him.

As dean of the school of arts and sciences, Malzahn describes his years at Missouri Southern as enjoyable and quick, with thanks to God, his wife, College President Julio Leon, and all the faculty and staff.

"I have gratitude for the department heads in arts and sciences, who, next to the president, have the most critical jobs on campus," he said. "Although the president charts the course, the department heads steer the ship."

However, he holds special respect for the secretaries, whom he calls the "true, unsung heroines of the College," and especially to his own secretary, Pat Martin, whom he regards as an exceptional person and a true friend.

Malzahn came to the College in 1980 because of its emphasis on

teaching and service to the students and community. He sees the many changes here as evidence of that emphasis, including the change of mission and the higher admission standards.

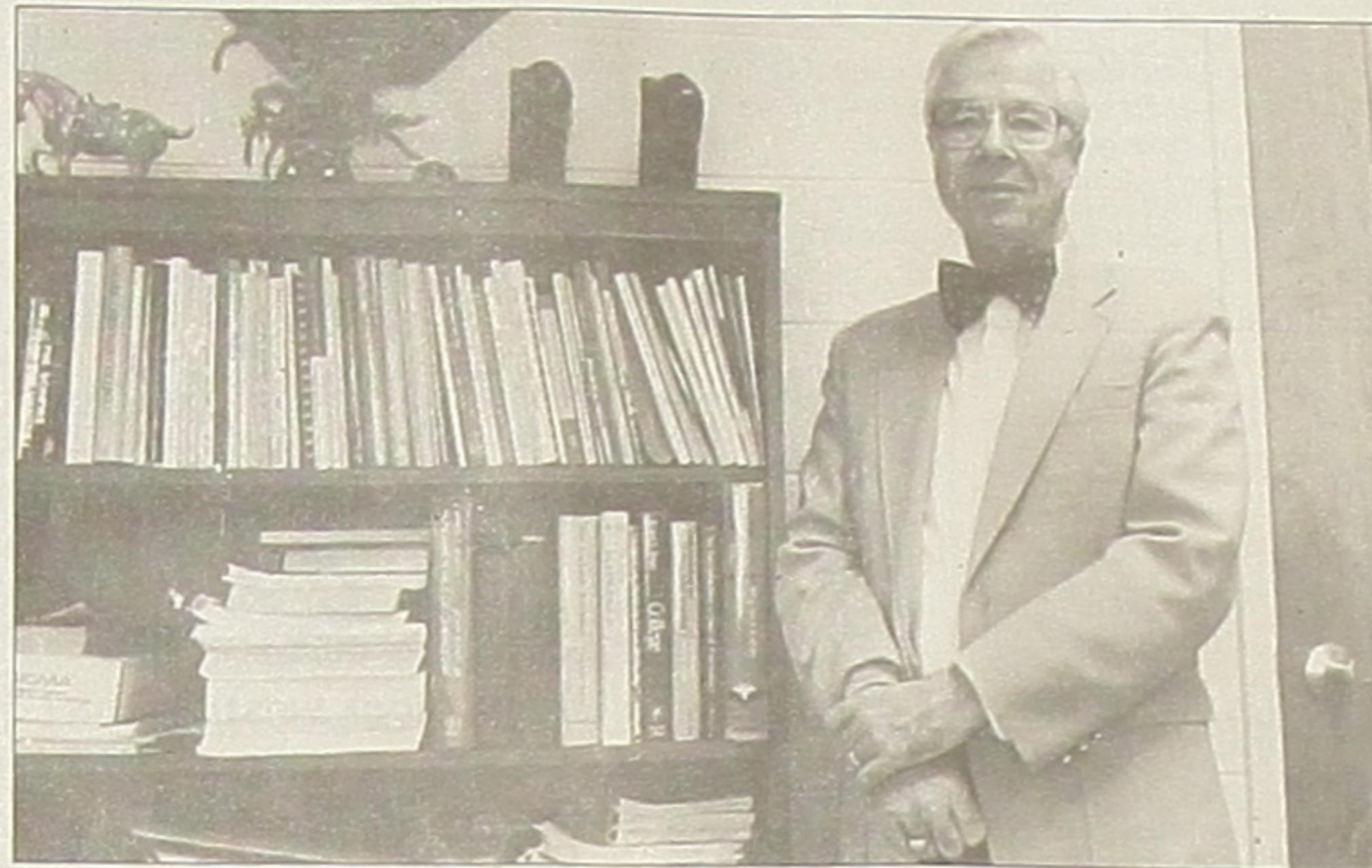
"I think the higher admission standards of the institution challenge students in high school to be prepared for college," he said. "I also think the great care we take in selecting new faculty and administrators has been significant."

While Malzahn credits any accomplishments to the faculty and students, Dr. Steve Spector, head of the English department, finds his influence essential to the College.

"He's methodical, thorough, and very fair," Spector said. "He's certainly very important in terms of maintaining standards, and maintaining a clear sense of what we expect of students and faculty."

During his career, Malzahn has seen both good and bad, but he says the worst days of the job come at the end of each semester.

"The worst days are always turning in final grades and seeing so



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Dr. Ray Malzahn, dean of the school of arts and sciences, is retiring after 15 years at Missouri Southern. Malzahn said he and his wife plan to do some traveling, fishing, and become involved in volunteer projects.

many people who are wasting their opportunity and neglecting their talents," he said.

On the other hand, he believes the best days of the job come during commencement and the first day of class in the fall.

"On commencement, we have the satisfaction of seeing the results of our labors, and that people are prepared for productive careers and fulfilling lives," Malzahn said.

Even though he has no specific plans for his retirement, Malzahn

said he and his wife would like to do some traveling, fishing, and become involved in some volunteer opportunities.

"We would like to exercise this new freedom we will have available in a responsible way," he said. □

Sandrin to travel, write, consult

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

After 26 years of service to Missouri Southern, Dr. Jim Sandrin wants to explore the benefits retirement has to offer.



Sandrin

Sandrin, head of the education department, was an administrator, teacher, and guidance director prior to receiving his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in 1969. The 59-year-old said his decision to retire didn't come until recently.

"It dawned on me in the middle of March that I could take advantage of the 80-and-out MOSERS retirement system," Sandrin said.

Under this system, faculty members can retire with full benefits if their age plus years of service equals 80.

His plans include traveling to Germany, working on a book about achieving success for students in education, and perhaps doing some consulting around the state. Sandrin, who will instruct summer courses, will continue to assist some student teachers after leaving campus Aug. 1.

Dr. Michael Banks, associate professor of education, has been a colleague of Sandrin for 20 years.

"We're going to miss him," Banks said. "Students regard him as an advocate who looks out for their interests."

Banks labeled his colleague as a family man who always promotes and identifies with the College. He cited Sandrin's straightforward and outspoken nature as a helpful tool to others.

"With Jim, what you see is what you get," Banks said. "He doesn't mince words, so you always know what his position is and how you stand."

His career highlight was working on a documentary presentation in the late 1970s on how to individualize instruction at the college level using the mass media concept. The documentary, a joint effort by Southern, Texas Tech, and Westfield (Mass.) State College, was funded by the Charles F. Kettering Foundation. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Harrell intends to stay active

By JEREMIAH TRIPP
CHART REPORTER

Describing himself as a Midwesterner, Dr. Wayne Harrell is retiring after 24 years of service at Missouri Southern.

Harrell, professor of music, believes he will remain active in the Joplin area during retirement.

"I planned to retire at this point in my career," he said. "You need to sit back and take stock of where you are and what you have been doing."

As for Southern, Harrell has enjoyed watching its growth. He said the College can be proud of its development.

"This has been a good place to work," he said. "The students have been responsive, and I like to think I had a little something to do with their progression. I hope the music program can continue to develop and improve."

His teaching duties involve music education courses and performance classes. Many students who have come through the program still maintain contact with Harrell.

"I always hear from those who are doing something," he said. "It's gratifying to know they are being productive."

Harrell also believes the faculty has been a big part of Southern's development.

"I think it's a real tribute to the overall environment of this institution that there are so many faculty members who have taught here so many years," he said. "That's a sign of stability."

With so many changes in the teaching tools and the explosion of knowledge, Harrell admits it has been difficult to keep up. □

PHYSICS

Strobel applies physics to real life

By MICHAEL MUNSTER
CHART REPORTER

Physics are part of everyday life, according to Art Strobel, assistant professor of physics.

"I wish students would grow in knowledge of physical sciences

because they are important in daily life," he said. "They can use it in their life."

He pointed out that when people build a house, they are using physics. They install insulation to keep the heat in and save on heating bills and have to use physics in order to select the right insulation.

Strobel is retiring at the end of the year after 32 years at Southern and 46 years of teaching.

"My retirement benefits are at 100 percent," he said.

His plans are to work on his house, which he built facing north by aligning it with the North Star. He is also thinking of traveling to

the west or northwest, perhaps even to Alaska or Europe.

Strobel likes to play chess. He sponsors the Chess Club at Southern and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation.

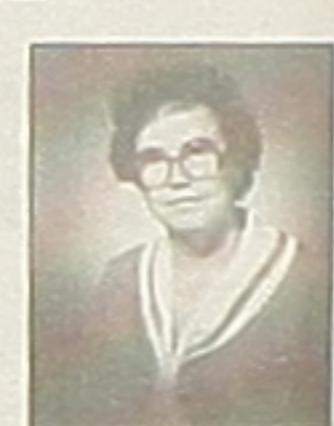
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Elgin leaves without regrets

By REBECCA RIVETTE
CHART REPORTER

After 24 years at Missouri Southern, Doris Elgin has no regrets.

"I've said that if a person really loves what they do and can get paid for it, how much more could you ask for in a job?" said the associate professor of nursing, who is retiring.



Elgin

"I've always liked what I did at

Missouri Southern. All in all, it's been a really wonderful time."

Elgin taught at a Memphis nursing school and moved to Joplin as the nursing program at Southern started.

"The most significant changes I've seen are the increased focus on the quality in education," she said. "The improvement in curricula and the selection of qualified students has certainly increased the level of performance of our graduates."

Elgin thinks the cooperation of clinical resources such as doctors' offices and clinics have helped the nursing program succeed. Other changes include accreditation

from the National League for Nursing and the expansion and emphasis on baccalaureate and higher degrees.

"It has been an exciting time for me to participate in the education of nurses and to continue my own education in order to keep up with the changes," she said.

With the onset of transitional programs and the phasing out of associate degrees, Elgin believes now is a logical time to take retirement. She already has plans for her free time.

"I tell everybody that I have at least a year of unfinished projects

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LEARNING CENTER

Dolence says goodbye to College

■ Outgoing director calls Southern 'a very important part' of her social, work life

By PARRIS SMITH
CHART REPORTER

After completing her 22nd year at Missouri Southern, Myrna Dolence will retire from a job she dearly loves.

"Southern has been a very important part of my life professionally and socially," she said. "I have enjoyed the majority of my time here."

Dolence, coordinator of the Learning Center, has also held the positions of counselor, dean of women, and director of academic development at Southern.

"I enjoyed holding different positions here; as long as I was

working with people, I was happy," she said.

Some of the changes Dolence has seen is the increased use of computers and better addressing the needs of the non-traditional student.

"Southern has made the correct changes to keep pace with society," she said.

While retired, Dolence plans to spend quality time with family and friends, including her parents.

She also has a large home and yard she loves to putter around in.

"I decided that while I still want to do these things, I should do them," she said.

Dolence also plans to do volunteer work in the community and perhaps work part-time in some capacity at the College.

"I enjoyed holding different positions here; as long as I was

"Southern has been such a big part in my life, I hope I can still help where I can," she said.

Dolence's fondest memories are watching students graduate and supporting Southern's athletic teams in the playoffs.

"I've been close to many students at Southern. To see them graduate is what makes me feel great," she said.

Dolence takes pride in the growth of the Learning Center and helping to organize the first women's athletic banquet at the College.

"I was an athlete in high school, and this was a major step in women's athletics," she said.

Dolence said she would like to be remembered as someone who truly loved the College and gave her best serving Southern in a positive way. □



JOHN HACKER/The Chart
After 22 years, Myrna Dolence is leaving Missouri Southern. Dolence said her fondest memories are commencements and athletic events.

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT

- 1** 4/24/95 LOT 39 11:55 a.m. Donnie S. Bennett was backing his vehicle out of a parking space in Lot 39 when it was struck by a vehicle driven by Twyla J. Peery. Peery was backing her vehicle out of a space opposite that of Bennett.
- 2** 4/23/95 LOTS 10 & 11 11:59 a.m. A vehicle driven by Douglas Ridenour was struck on the right front passenger's door by a vehicle driven by Vanessa Potter.
- 3** 4/27/95 LOT 13 3:45 p.m. Chris Elsworth reported the theft of a CD player valued at \$279 from his car. The right rear door glass had been broken to gain entry to the vehicle.
- 4** 4/23/95 JUSTICE CENTER 6:45 p.m. Security responded to an alarm at the Anderson Justice Center. The alarm was apparently set off by lightning. All doors were secure.

STUDENT SENATE

Campus elects officers for '95-'96

■ Despite a new computer voting system, turnout lower than usual this year

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Despite the new computer voting system, the Student Senate executive officer election turnout was lower than usual this year.

Junior John Weeden and sophomore Stacey Mathes each ran unopposed for president and secretary, respectively. Sophomore Holli Spencer won treasurer with 82 votes, and this year's secretary, Kim Jones, won the vice president race with 99 votes.

"I hope we can get more of an interaction between the student body and the Senate," Jones said.

Mathes said she looks forward to the coming year.

"It will be a good year based on

what we got accomplished this year," she said.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, announced the newly elected officers at last night's meeting and gave recognition awards to all the senators. Senate president Stacy Schoen passed the gavel to Weeden, next year's president. Jennifer Kuncel, senior senator, was voted senator of the year.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, gave words of encouragement.

"The Senate has done a good job," he said. "You have done more work in the last four or five meetings when you didn't have appropriations to deal with."

"It's good to bring new ideas to discussion, and don't get discouraged if they aren't passed as soon as they hit the table. You have learned to express yourselves and to take a stand on an issue. That's the secret to getting things done."

At tomorrow's Spring Fling picnic, the Senate will collect donations for the Oklahoma City Relief Group.

"There is no pressure whatsoever," Dolence said. "The Senate ballot box will be there for anyone who wants to make a donation. We'll count up the collection and mail off a check to the Relief Group."

The experimental voting system used to tally the election has been approved.

"The voting system worked really well," said Andy Adams, Senate parliamentarian. "It was close to the paper ballot. We knew some people wouldn't wait in line to vote on the computer."

Kuncel, who helped create the system, likes the idea of making something the College will use for years to come.

"It's kind of neat," she said. "There are things it can and can't do, but it can be changed if they need to. I'm just glad it worked."

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COMMENCEMENT

Mitchell to give address

The speaker for the May 20 commencement ceremonies will be Ron Mitchell, a local attorney and president of the Missouri Bar Association. Mitchell is a 1973 graduate of Missouri Southern.

There will be two different graduation ceremonies in the Taylor Performing Arts Center. The seniors graduating at 9:30 a.m. will be from the school of arts and sciences and the school of technology.

College officials will confer bachelors of arts, bachelors of science (except psychology), associate of arts, and associate of science degrees.

The noon ceremony will graduate seniors from the school of business administration and the school of education and psychology.

Degrees conferred will be bachelor of science in business administration, bachelor of science in education, bachelor of science (psychology), and bachelor of general studies.

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STROBEL, FROM PAGE 1A

Strobel has witnessed the changing of the College's name and its conversion from a two-year to a four-year state college.

"When I first came, it was Joplin Junior College, then Missouri Southern College, then Missouri Southern State College," he said.

Before Strobel came to Southern, he taught at various high schools for 14 years. Among the subjects he taught were physics, chemistry,

advanced physics, mathematics, and even biology.

"I wanted to work with older, more mature students," he said of his decision to come to the College. He also wanted to focus more on his favorite subject, physics.

Strobel said he wishes to be remembered by his colleagues as thoughtful, considerate, thorough, and prompt. □

ELGIN, FROM PAGE 1A

to do," she said.

Spending time with grandchildren and participating in community volunteer work are high on her list. Her husband retired last year, so they will have more opportunities to be together.

"We'd like to go to New England to see the leaves in the fall, and that's just not possible when you have the kind of schedule we do," she said.

Elgin plans to vacation in Italy and Switzerland this summer, but her new schedule will not erase her memories of Southern.

"I have wonderful memories of the students and the faculty," she said.

In 1987, Elgin was named Outstanding Teacher of a Freshman Class at Southern.

"It was such an honor for me to be selected," she said.

Elgin hopes to be remembered by her colleagues as a person who is willing to work on new ideas and carry her part of the load.

"I would like for them to remember me as a dependable and professional person," she said. □

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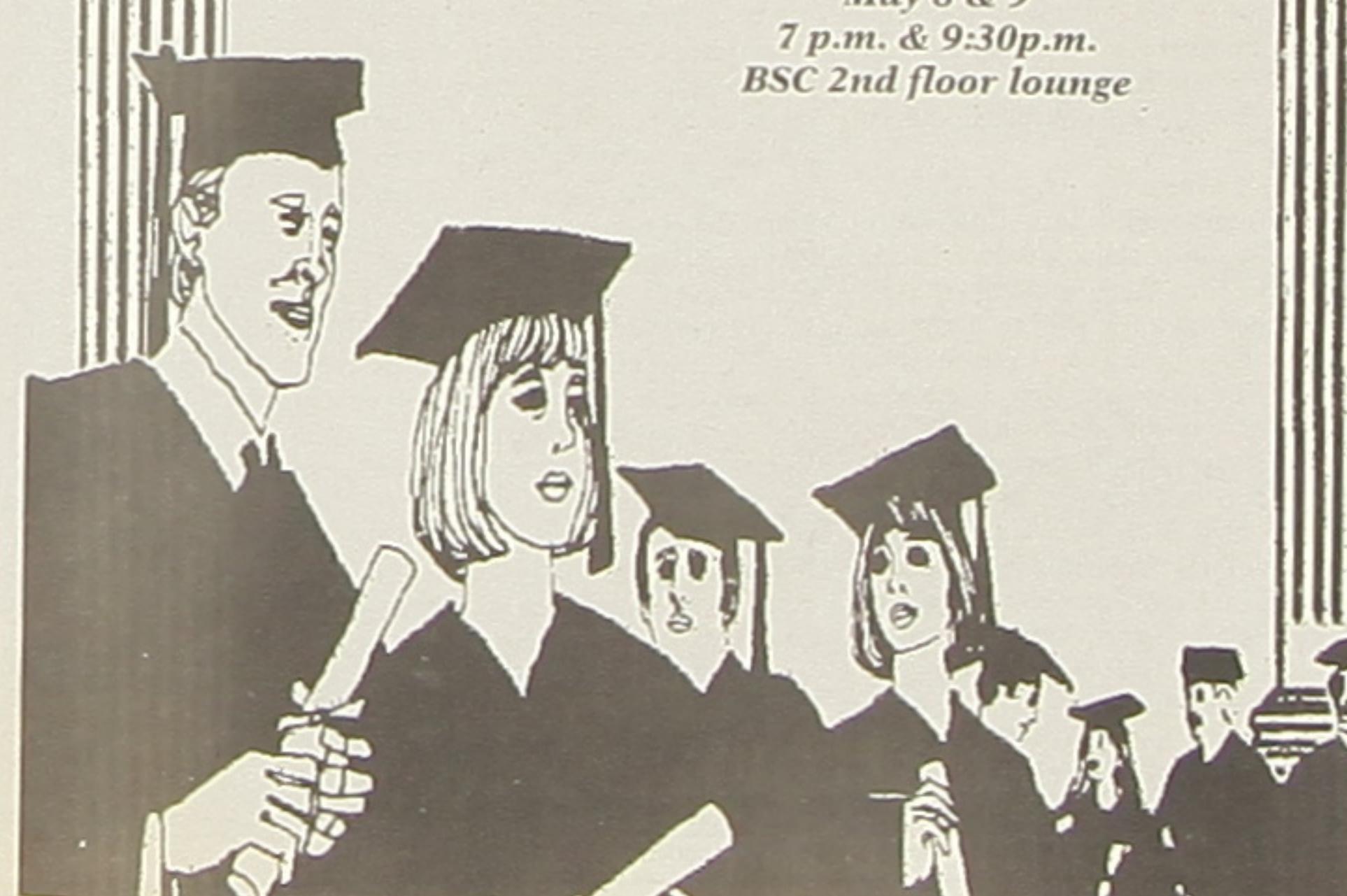
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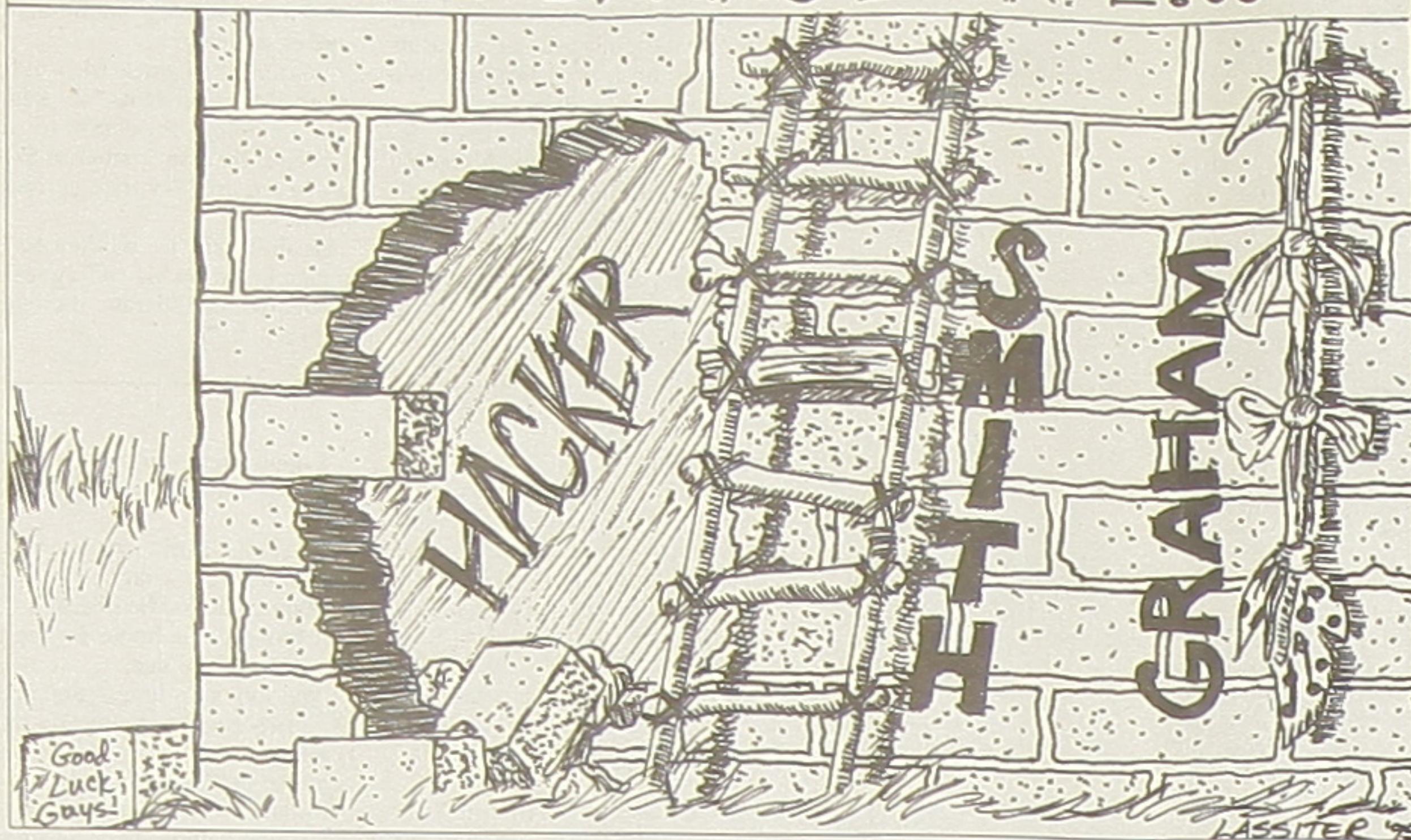
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A MOST DARING ESCAPE...**OUR EDITORIALS**

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Thank you Paula, John, P.J.

The wonderful thing about college newspapers is that fresh talent is always ready to step in and fill the gaps left by graduation. This year is no different.

Later this month, *Chart* editors John Hacker, Paula Smith, and P.J. Graham will graduate. During their time with *The Chart*, they have helped the paper win numerous awards, and we cannot let them go without acknowledging their accomplishments.

Paula joined our staff in 1993 as our campus editor and has since served as an associate editor who helped initiate and develop *The Chart's* Careers page.

A transfer student from Crowder College, Paula quickly meshed with the rest of the staff and brought a quiet dependability to the newsroom.

P.J. Graham joined our staff in 1991 as a staff writer and has since served *The Chart* as campus editor, associate editor, managing editor, and editorial page editor. P.J. has been a vital cog in the paper's machinery in each of her four years here.

She has written news, features, columns, sports, in-depth, and investigative pieces, taken photographs, and produced an issue of *Intermission*. She has been tireless in her efforts to make *The Chart* a top-notch paper, and we are deeply grateful.

John Hacker is probably the most valuable staff member *The Chart* has ever had. John has

served as associate editor, State Capitol intern, managing editor, executive editor, and editor-in-chief.

During his term as editor-in-chief *The Chart* was selected as Missouri's best college newspaper. But John's contributions go deeper than that.

He has averaged more than one photograph per edition since he came to Southern. At times he has served as an unofficial director of photography in addition to his duties on the editorial side of the paper.

He has personally kept our complex computer equipment running and played a vital role in *The Chart's* move from Hearnes Hall to Webster Hall in 1992. His patience and skill in dealing with others served him well when he personally provided computer training to students who had never seen a Macintosh before.

John has developed important contacts and friendships for *The Chart*. Additionally, he has built some important bridges between the paper and the community.

Thanks Paula, P.J., and John. Your accomplishments and your wisdom have prepared the next group of editors to continue producing an outstanding newspaper. We will miss you, and good luck.

So, these three hard-working and dedicated journalists will move on. Yes, we will find someone to succeed them, but they can never be replaced. □

YOUR LETTERS

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God's grace & love unexplainable, but real

After reading the column, "Bibles and fairy tales," in the April 20 issue, my heart was truly saddened by what was written. In fact, it put fear in me knowing that there are those who truly believe that God does not exist.

There was reference to God not striking those who reject Him. If this were God's way of punishing those who do not serve Him, there would be an awful lot of deaths daily due to lightning strikes. God gives us a choice either to reject Him or accept Him. It is not a matter of whether or not He is real, for in fact the greatest testament of this is of the personal experiences that those of us who claim to know him testify to.

Even if I did not see God's wonderful hand in each day that I live, my personal relationship with Him is as real as real can be. No one can take this away from me and tell me that what I experience daily is not true and authentic. That's what is so wonderful about God's grace. He loves us so much that it would not be like Him to strike some-

one down for non-belief. This alone is enough to bring someone to their knees.

In being so independent that we only see what we can do on our own strength, we lose the wonderful opportunity to see how much easier it is to do all we do by God's strength. In believing in God we are humbled in knowing that we are nothing aside from Him who created us in the first place.

As a Christian I am saddened to know that people reject Christ. Just think how much more saddened our heavenly Father must be. He suffered tremendous anguish on the cross so that we would have eternal life. It was mentioned that "we" Christians are just afraid of dying and that is why we say we "believe." I can honestly say that you are partially right in saying this. Heaven and hell are a reality, and to know that I have escaped hell because of my faith in Christ gives me great comfort. Fear of being separated from God would be hell enough for me. But because I believe in God and trust Him daily for my every need, I can also enjoy my life to the fullest and live each day knowing that this time on earth for me is only a fraction of

what God has in store for me.

You mentioned that the Bible said we were created in God's image and you questioned this because of the different ethnic attributes. The Bible does not say anything about physical appearances and likenesses. Who is to say He wasn't referring to two hands and two feet!

Also, you said that you felt that you would get more out of life as an atheist. You also may be right about that. However, what you may get out of life may be the worst this world has to offer. The difference between a Christian and an atheist is that when trials come, the atheist has nowhere to turn. Even though there are those who reject God and blatantly and fearlessly mock His very name, He loves them the same as He loves me. You were right! When it comes right down to it, God's grace and love are unexplainable! That is why I love him so much.

Linda Flores
Senior elementary education major

EDITOR'S COLUMN**End of 10-year career**

Editor happy with education despite delay

Well, it's about time. That's a phrase being uttered by a bunch of people this month as I prepare to graduate. My mom and family and a number of friends have been wondering if I ever was going to graduate.

I think there are a few people at Southern who thought I was on tenure track.

It's been an interesting 10 (yes 10, ten, 9+1, six more than normal college students) years. The four years I've been at Southern have been an adventure. Some of it has not been pleasant, but most has been good, and I'll cherish and remember all of it.

I dare say had I gone through college in the normal four years (a complete impossibility), I wouldn't be as happy as I am now.

I didn't even find out I could write until my fourth year of college. Journalism is definitely not a career I would have envisioned coming out of high school (about a hundred years ago).

I wouldn't have met the dozens of people I call friends at Longview Community College and Missouri Southern if I had forced myself to finish college by 1987. I also would not have met the seven or eight people I can call really close friends.

It's been an adventure since I moved to Joplin in 1991. I've held down quite a variety of jobs while pushing through Southern. I've worked the graveyard shift at a convenience store, and I've worked and lived at a mortuary (what a combo). I've sold electronics at a department store and kept the shelves stocked in the housewares section of a discount store. For the

EDITOR'S COLUMN**Expression of thanks**

Family, Crowder & Southern most helpful

When I transferred to Missouri Southern in the fall of 1993 from Crowder College, my first editor's column was highly critical.

I had been the editor-in-chief of Crowder's monthly newspaper, *The Sentry*. I was proud of what I had accomplished there and how much a small community college had progressed.

I praised Dr. Kent Farnsworth, Crowder's president, for being accessible to students. I also praised Crowder's friendliness when compared to Southern's larger, somewhat overwhelming campus. In fact, one of the reasons I

transferred to Southern instead of starting here was the sprawling campus, especially the confusing maze of locations for communications classes.

But I missed out on some of the memories, like taking classes in the mansion and the wild times of *The Chart* in Hearnes Hall.

After being here a few months and enduring the chides of fellow *Chart* members because of my spoken and written adoration of Crowder, I began to see Southern wasn't so bad. I usually am the first to criticize but try to always give credit where credit is due.

Starting out as the campus editor was an excellent way for me to learn more about the College. I liked what I found. Southern is essentially Crowder on a larg-

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past 21 months I've transported blood, urine, feces, and other interesting materials throughout the Ozarks as a courier for a local medical laboratory.

My jobs with *The Chart* have been varied but never boring. I came to Southern primarily because of the State Capitol internship but ended up doing much more than I ever expected to. The master plan I had made (at least in my mind) quickly went out the window as I was chosen for the internship a year before I thought I'd even have a chance.

When I chose Southern, I never thought about the possibility of going any higher than state intern, but I had to accept when the opportunity to be editor-in-chief appeared in the spring of 1993. I've worked with some of the best college journalists in Missouri. I think you'll be hearing about some of them in the future; they are that good.

While some people may not have been happy with everything we wrote or did, we stimulated discussion on a number of important issues and produced the best college newspaper in Missouri.

There are a lot of people I need to thank for a lot of things. There are a lot of people who have had an impact on my life here and all through my college odyssey. A couple of pages would not be enough to express how I feel about them.

Even though I'm probably not leaving Joplin for a while, I'll still miss the fun I've had here. To all of those who have helped me through this fun little journey, I say thanks and stay in touch. □

By John Hacker
Executive Editor



It was all a process of elimination. I received a full scholarship from Crowder and joined its first honors program. At 18, I chose to marry over the initial objections of my family. I proved them wrong by completing my college degree on my own, on time, by working an average of 20 hours a week at the Wal-Mart pharmacy and attending college full-time.

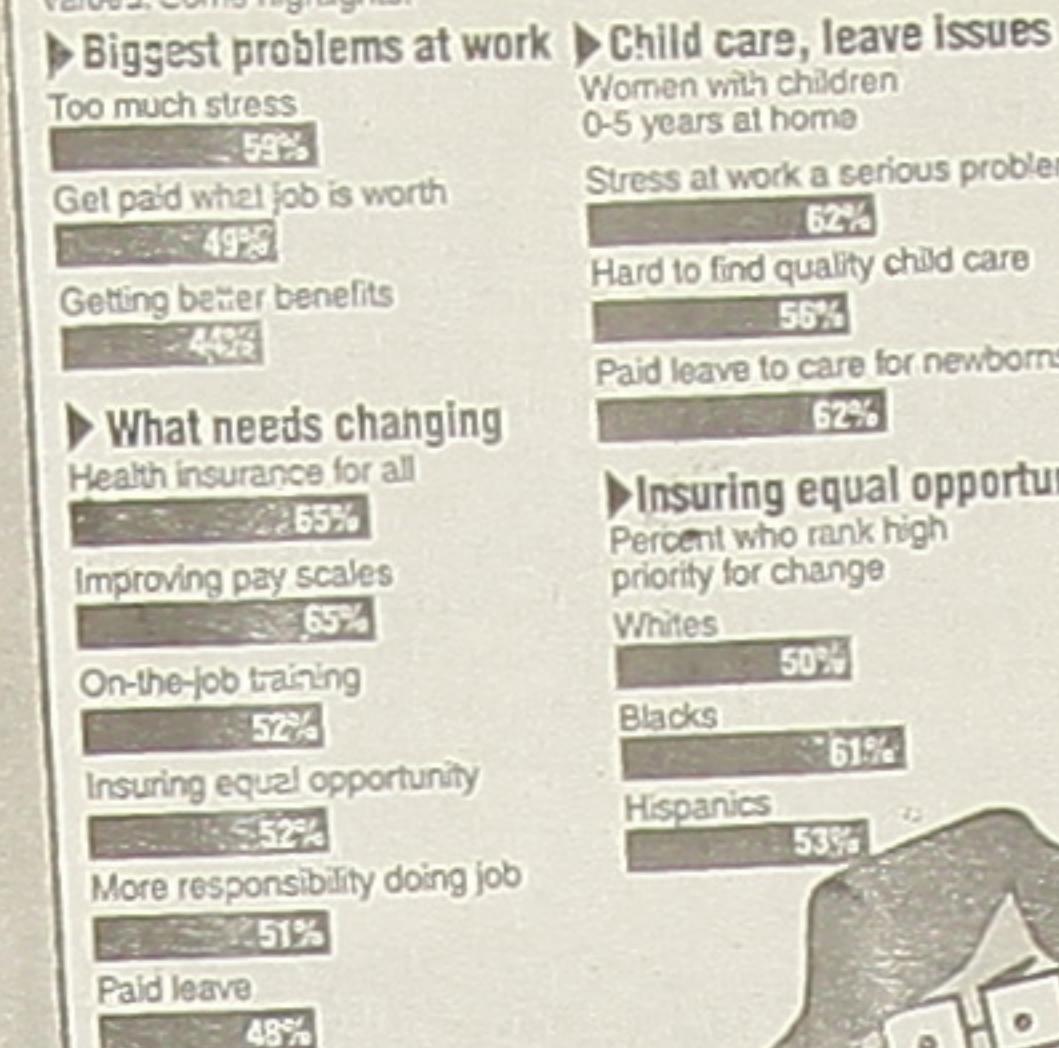
I will be the first in my immediate family to complete a four-year degree. I guess that means I'm smarter, but definitely not wiser. I am fortunate to have learned from my family's mistakes and examples. In that way, I have attained some wisdom. Like all teenagers, I thought what my parents said was stupid, but now I keep saying to myself how right they were.

Throughout my struggle, I have had many supportive people. To thank them all

— Please turn to SMITH, page 5A

Working women want change

A new survey of working women shows desire for change in pay and benefits, work and family policies and how women's work is under-valued. Some highlights:



NOTE: Two surveys were taken. A scientific phone survey of nationally representative random sample, and a postal survey of telephone numbers distributed by hundreds of businesses and groups nationwide. This graphic uses responses from scientific survey.

SOURCE: Women's Bureau of Labor Department survey of 1,200 adult working women, June 2-22, 1994; margin of error 5%.

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OVERSEAS JOBS**Korea offers employment opportunities**

By LEE ALLEN

KOREAN ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

As graduation nears, many of you may still be uncertain about your future. With the hard business of getting an education behind you, you may be primed and ready for adventure.

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land, eat fabulous foreign cuisine, and do something really worthwhile?

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admits Mark Merzweiler, an American teaching in Inchon, a picturesque city of over one million people in the Yellow Sea.

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So, if you are interested, or merely curious, call 011-82-2-242-5627 or write to Yang Chun, P.O. Box 8, Yang Chun Gu, Seoul, Korea for more information on how you, too, can have the time of your life. □

SMITH, FROM PAGE 4A

would be impossible, so I will construct my thank-yous in chronological order.

First and foremost would be my family.

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for staying together so that my life would not be complicated by step-parents and half- or step-siblings.

Next, thank you to all my teachers who inspired my thirst for knowledge.

Thank you to all the faculty and staff at Crowder.

And last, thank you to everyone at Missouri Southern who has tolerated my occasional fits of crying and rage or frustration.

Especially to *The Chart* family. T.R. for helping me get my act

together with the numerous cries of "Smith, you're killing me!!". Debbie for listening to my first crying fit and John for understanding it all. Chad Stebbins for being an adviser in every sense of the word to the newspaper in general and to me.

And finally to Mr. Massa, the man who has most intimidated me.

You remind me of my first-grade teacher who was strict as could be throughout the year. We all hated her until the last day.

Then we realized she had to be strict to make sure we learned. She was really a sweet person at heart. I know that is how you are also. □

WOMEN'S ISSUES**Students combine studies, parenting****■ Babbitt, Brosi juggle the duties of motherhood and full course loads**

By JONATHAN SABO
STAFF WRITER

Being a full-time student is hard enough, but combining that with the responsibility of motherhood makes for little sleep for at least two Missouri Southern students.

Connie Babbitt, senior English education major, describes motherhood as being "on-call" 24 hours a day.

She says she usually doesn't even start her homework until late at night.

"Childless students have time for a social life, but when I have extra time I have to think about my children's education," she says.

Babbitt has three children: Kyle, 8; Todd, 18; and Cassidy, 22.

Cassidi is a junior at Southern and Todd will be coming to Southern next fall, so she will have two children in addition to herself at the College.

Having children has not hindered her grades. She carries a 4.0 grade-point average in her major.

"After my History of the English Language class with Dr. [Henry] Harder, that will be subject to change," she joked.

Babbitt says being a non-traditional student motivates her in school because she worked for minimum wage for five years. She knows she has to get an education or there is no hope for the future.

Babbitt cleans three houses a week to help pay her bills.

"The worst part about it is I clean everyone else's house, and then I have to come home and clean mine," she said.

Karen Brosi, junior secondary English education major, has some advice for other mothers who are college students.

"Keep your cool. It's more stressful for us as mothers," she said. "It's very important to be a good role model. It has never been an option for my children not to go to college."

Brosi has three children also: Warren, 17;

Sheryl, 16; and foreign exchange student Raphael Carvalho, 17, from Brazil. Brosi says Raphael is different from her own biological children.

"He has had to assimilate to a new society and a new culture," she said. "I've had to earn his trust, whereas my own children know when I say 'no' I mean no."

"His family had a maid, but at our house everyone does the chores. So for the first time he learned to rake, mow the lawn, and do the dishes."

Brosi thinks having children and being a non-traditional student can give one an advantage in school-work.

"Being older, you know a little bit more about life. When writing a paper, you can draw from life experience."

Brosi is a substitute teacher in Seneca. Her husband works at the elementary school as a custodian, so her whole family, including children, are associated with the school. □

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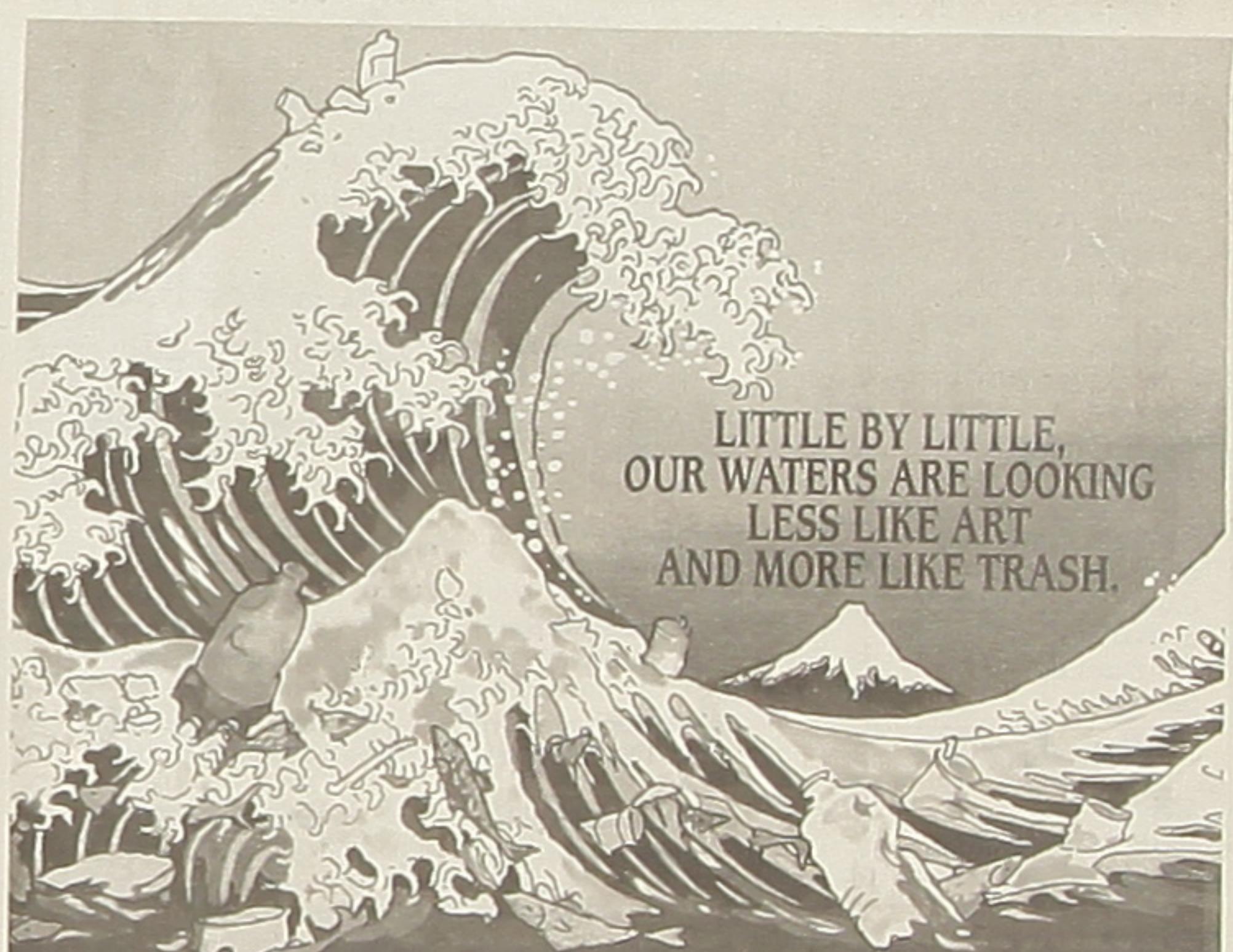
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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Today 4

Noon—

Brown Bag Lunch Series, "India: Land of Contrasts" by Dr. Karl Schmidt, BSC 310.

Noon to 1 p.m.—

Latter-Day Saint Student Association, BSC 313.

12:30 p.m.—

Model United Nations Club, Webster Hall III.

2:30 p.m.—

Modern Communications Club, Webster Hall third floor atrium.

2:30 p.m.—

Second Annual Winged Lion Reading and Art Exhibit, sip cappuccino, admire art, listen to aspiring writers read their works, BSC Second Floor Lounge.

5:30 p.m.—

T.N.T. (Thursday-Nights-Together), free food, exciting programs, great speakers, Baptist Student Union.

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.—

Student Senate Casino Night, play poker, craps, blackjack, roulette, and bingo with Southern money, enter the 9 p.m. pool tournament, admission \$3, all proceeds go to the United Way, Billingsly Student Center Lions' Den.

7:30 p.m.—

Jazz Concert, Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Tomorrow 5

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.—

Carl Cranmer piano concert, Webster Auditorium.

Noon—

Psychology Club, Taylor Hall 123.

10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—

All-Campus Picnic, campus oval.

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.—

Suzuki Student recital, Webster Auditorium.

7:30 p.m.—

Orchestra Concert, Taylor Performing Arts Center.

8 p.m. to midnight—

CAB Country Dance, music by 94 KIX, dance contests with prizes, BSC Connor Ballroom.

Sunday 7

9:30 a.m.—

Fellowship Baptist Church, College Sunday School, Baptist Student Union.

3 p.m.—

Missouri Board of Regents and Missouri Southern faculty honor retiring faculty members with a reception and ceremony, BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Monday 8

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—

CAB Movie: "The Blues Brothers," BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Tuesday 9

12:30 p.m.—

College Republicans, BSC 311.

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—

CAB Movie: "The Blues Brothers," BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Wednesday 10

Last day of classes

Registration ends, re-opens May 24.

2 p.m.—

CAB Meeting, everyone welcome, BSC 311.

5:30 p.m.—

Student Senate picnic, Biology Pond.

INVESTMENT EDUCATION

Beardstown Ladies to share success story

■ Widows and retirees now investment group who began stock market investments as hobby

By CASEY MILLER
STAFF WRITER

Students can get some common sense stock advice from women who know what they are talking about.

Four members of the Beardstown Ladies, a 16-member investment group named after a town in

southern Illinois, will hold programs open to the public from 7 to 8 p.m. today in Webster Hall auditorium and 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow in Mathews Hall auditorium.

The group, made up mostly of widows and retirees, has appeared on such television shows as "20/20" and "Donahue" with their message that you don't have to have a business degree to make money in the stock market.

Dr. Richard La Near, professor of business, is moderating the two Missouri Southern appearances.

"They are popular right now, and I thought they could provide some common sense investment advice," La Near said.

"We brought them to campus for investment education purposes."

"We want them to tell our students how they did what they did."

The Beardstown Ladies started their club as a hobby, which snowballed into a profit-making financial investment group that has earned them an average annual return of 23.4 percent, enough to impress any professional stock investor.

profile of each of the club members.

"As a member of an investment club, you can expand your investments and knowledge of the stock market at the same time," said Doris Edwards, a 73-year-old elementary school teacher and charter member.

The book also has a favorite recipe from each of the members.

The Beardstown Ladies will be at Hastings Bookstore from 2 to 4 p.m. today to autograph copies of the book, which costs about \$13. □

ASIAN STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Gubera to travel across China

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

From June 12 to July 21, a member of Missouri Southern's social science department will join 17 other delegates across the nation on a cross-country trip to China.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, said the trip is the second part of the Asian Studies Development Program's 1995 China Field Study Tour.

"In the summer of 1993, we did academic studies about China at the University of Hawaii," he said. "We did the reading and the papers, we listened to speakers, and we were involved in a lot of discussion. We did the casework there—now we're going to China for the fieldwork."

Gubera said the purpose of the program is to help provide education about China to students in the United States.

"It's an effort to take college professors on an experience into China so they can incorporate what they learn into their classrooms," he said. "This will lead eventually to a Chinese culture and civilization course at Southern."

Gubera will travel across China and get a first-hand view of many of the landmarks and cultures.

"I wish we were building up to the Great Wall of China, but we're starting with it," he said. "It has been one of my dreams to see the Wall."

The group will travel to the smaller rural villages as well as the larger cities, getting a well-rounded picture of China's diversity.

"We'll study much of the sociology and religion," Gubera said.

"Confucianism and Taoism, for a start. We'll pay attention to the death and dying customs, and I will incorporate that information into my Sociology of Death and Dying class next fall."

The professors' itinerary includes several Chinese language classes to prepare them for their journey and better equip them to communicate in the foreign culture.

"I'm scared to death," Gubera said. "I don't know what to think about the language classes."

"China has changed their language so much in the last 20 years, and I think they want us to

understand that modernization." Gubera said he is most looking forward to studying China's more mysterious practices.

"I want to find out about Chinese medicine, like acupuncture," he said. "I also want to look

at Chinese mysticism. That's where the dragon stories come from, and it involves the relationship with the 'life force' and is tied to the spirit world."

Gubera said the whole trip will be a showcase of China and its change from Communism to Capitalism.

"We're going to spend a lot of time on the eastern side of China where it is industrialized and people are making money," he said. "We will travel a lot. They said be prepared to walk, which is fine with me."

"I want to be there, to see their state of society and culture, to smell it, to hear it, to involve all my senses and immerse myself in the whole experience." □

Dr. Conrad Gubera

Professor of Sociology

SPRING FLING



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Heather Reed, freshman undecided major, poses for a "butt sketch" from Brett Smith, one of three original Butt Sketch Artists.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

Victims to march against abuse

■ Group to hold rally, read poetry, protest domestic violence

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Victims of domestic violence will share their experiences during a "Take Back the Night" demonstration march and rally on Saturday evening, May 13.

"We're trying to raise awareness that domestic violence is a problem," said Janessa Hall, senior psychology major and president of the National Organization for Women's southwest Missouri chapter.

"Generally, people believe people who are abused provoke the abuse and deserve what they get. We're trying to dispel the thought that victims are responsible for the abuse they receive. It's absolutely wrong."

Hall said participants will march from Joplin's Memorial Hall parking lot to the Community Center at 110 Main St., where the rally will take place.

"We will march peacefully on the sidewalk down to the Community Center," she said. "We will carry signs with slogans such as 'It's never OK to hit a child' or 'Hate is not a family value.' It's going to be

quiet—not a boisterous kind of thing."

Kelly Cannon, from Planned Parenthood in Joplin and Sandra Patton, the director of a safe house in Springfield, will speak at the rally.

"Kelly is our legislative chair for now, so she keeps us updated on things we need to support going through Congress," Hall said. "She will tell us if any new laws have been passed."

NOW and The Lafayette House are co-sponsoring the event and will accept donations. All proceeds will go to the Lafayette House.

"The Lafayette House is still pretty far in debt and has had to downsize its services to stay open," Hall said. "This is for people who are survivors of abuse. It's helpful for them to go to a place where people support them."

The march will be 20 to 25 minutes long, and the entire event will last approximately 90 minutes.

Stephanie White, NOW secretary, wants to dispel local beliefs about the NOW chapter and encourage anyone to participate.

"A lot of people are afraid to attend events associated with NOW because they don't agree with the national views," White said.

"They believe the national branch is full of men-haters, but we promote equality and public education about domestic violence."

Hall encourages anyone to attend, if only to see the clothesline project.

"People who are survivors of different types of abuse, whether it is physical, emotional, or sexual, decorate T-shirts and sweatshirts," she said.

"They talk about abuse and how it made them feel."

"Some children's shirts are done by mothers after their children have been killed by their spouses. It's very moving." □

FRENCH EDUCATION

Weber to see Senegal

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

When one hears of a person going on a safari to Africa, one normally thinks of hunting animals. Instead, Dr. Maryann Weber, associate professor of French, will be going to search for knowledge.

"I will be participating in a seminar for French teachers at the Cheik Anta Diop University in Dakar, the capital city of Senegal," she said. "The purpose is to learn more about Francophone cultures."

The seminar takes place July 8-29, but Weber plans to stay longer to do some exploring on her own. Besides that, she said, planes don't leave there everyday.

The clinic is sponsored by the French government. French teachers from all over the country submitted applications to the various French Consulates. "I do not know how many applied, but I know there were a lot," Weber said. "They told me of all the scholarships they offer, this one was the most in demand."

The grant she received from the French government includes room, board, and full tuition for the seminar. In return, she will be doing a couple of workshops in the United States next year.

Senegal lies on the western-most tip of Africa and was colonized by the French. Even though there are six other languages spoken, Wolof being the major one, French is the official language.

The seminar will involve lectures by some contemporary French-African writers as well as experts in French-African culture and economy, Weber said. But she is still waiting to receive more detailed information.

"I want to incorporate some background on Senegalese culture in the College French classes this fall," Weber said. "In the long range, I would like to structure some more exciting Francophone culture courses in the French curriculum. Right now, all the advanced courses in French are literature courses." □

The Student Senate will collect donations tomorrow at the all-campus Spring Fling picnic for the Oklahoma City Relief Group. They encourage all to contribute.

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■ Joplin's growing economy has created a market where employers are having to compete for a limited number of quality, educated workers. Some businesses are offering higher wages and better benefits to attract employees.

By JOHN HACKER

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Economic boom times appear to have swept through Joplin and the surrounding area.

Up and down Range Line, help-wanted signs are cropping up with jobs that traditionally have paid minimum wage offering \$5 per hour and sometimes more.

A shortage of quality workers seems to have taken root in southwest Missouri, and employers are being forced to meet that shortage.

The wage war

Most of the jobs at Smitty's pay more than minimum wage, said Jeff Bennett, manager of the Smitty's Supermarket at 2707 E. 32nd.

"Our company has always had a slogan that if you pay minimum wage you can expect minimum performance," he said. "In this market it's no secret you have to pay more than minimum wage to obtain the kind of talent and skills we need to remain competitive in this business. Our part-time baggers might make minimum wage. Even at that, if they excel we're going to move them right up."

Rob O'Brian, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, said the labor force in this area is not shrinking.

"Job opportunities are growing faster than the labor market," O'Brian said. "There certainly is a tightness in the labor force. Our unemployment is at about 4 percent, and that is getting into the realm of the hard-core unemployable."

O'Brian said the shortage of quality workers is pushing up wages at the low end of the scale.

"Everyone has to compete in the same labor pool," he said. "Even those employers with jobs that are generally considered unskilled have to increase wages to attract workers."

With new businesses opening in Joplin at a record pace, the competition for good employees grows stiffer.

"It's kind of a ripple effect we feel at times," said Cameron Miller, general manager of the Hardee's restaurant at 804 S. Range Line. "Shortages occur when new stores open, but they are short-lived because people will often go to the new employer and decide it's not what they enjoy."



Stephanie Jones, sophomore speech pathology major, works the express lane at Smitty's on 32nd Street.

The quality workers

Employers also face the challenge of weeding out the applicants who really do not want to work.

"The main problem we have is people who come in and fill out applications because they have to for unemployment benefits," said Tom Moore, manager of the Snak-Atak convenience store at 1006 Range Line.

"When we call them back they don't really want to work. We've got to go through three people before we get someone who will stay. Too many people want a job and the money but don't want to do anything while they are here."

Some employers are not involving themselves in the "wage war."

"I don't get into the wage war because I offer something much better," Hardee's Miller said. "We can retain people because I let them write their own schedule. Since I've been at this Hardee's we have never not granted someone a day off."

Some applicants lack the education to compete for even the so-called unskilled jobs.

"I've got plenty of applicants, it's just [I have] no quality applicants," Smitty's Bennett said. "It's hard to imagine in this day and age the number of people that do not have even a GED. You get a lot of people who have not finished high school."

Bennett said once a good employee is found and hired, employers must work harder to retain that person.

"If you don't satisfy them as best you can, they can go somewhere else," he said.

"Where it is really difficult is if you are a company that is not opening new doors or creating new openings. If you are a company that is stagnant, had no growth, and nowhere for these employees to go, they're going to find a company in that industry that they can move up in."

Other incentives

Employers are using other benefits to attract people.

"Full-timers do have [benefits]," Bennett said. "We have insurance, we have a 401K plan, we have a company-contributed profit-sharing plan, paid vacations, and holidays."

"We pay time-and-a-half on Sundays, which is

something a lot of places don't do. If they are making \$5.35 per hour, which is our starting wage for unexperienced cashiers, that makes it \$8.03 per hour on Sundays, and that's a pretty attractive wage."

Wages and benefits are not the only thing companies can change to attract workers.

"Some companies are taking a closer look at the workplace itself," the Chamber's O'Brian said.

"We've got one company that is working to air condition their facility because they had to start early in the morning in the summertime. Improving the workplace climate is a big thing employers can do to retain workers."

Employers are sometimes changing the jobs themselves.

"They are trying to make the jobs more fulfilling," O'Brian said. "They are letting employees have more input into their jobs."

The future

The shortage is not showing any signs of abating any time soon. New businesses are being built all over Joplin.

New strip malls are being built on 32nd Street and north Range Line. Smitty's is also planning a new store on Maiden Lane that will require 175 people employees.

"I would say since Cracker Barrel opened there has been a definite increase in the ripple affect," Hardee's Miller said. "We had Cracker Barrel, we had Applebee's, and we had Olive Garden open, all back to back."

O'Brian said Joplin must be ready to help if it wants to "continue to be a magnet for population growth."

"We must give some thought to helping the process of recruiting labor more actively," he said. "We also must see if we are getting the most out of our population now."

He said companies are asking for basic skills in the work force.

"The qualities are simple," Bennett said. "All they want is a good work ethic and basic math and English skills."

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June 9—REO Speedwagon with Cheap Trick and Starship.

MSIPC

Carl Cranmer to give recital tomorrow

■ Winner of 1994 Piano Competition returns for an encore performance

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

At this time last year, Carl Cranmer won the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition.

He returns for an encore performance at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Webster Hall auditorium as part of a fund-raising event for the MSIPC.



Cranmer

A "Meet the Artist" reception will be held in Phinney Recital Hall immediately following the concert for audience members wanting to meet Cranmer and receive autographs.

"I always enjoy meeting the audience afterwards to see what they thought of the performance and what pieces they liked," he said. "Being a performer, you have to communicate with your audience."

Cranmer, 25, the grand-prize winner of the MSIPC in 1994, received the honor of giving a solo debut at New York's Carnegie Hall in October as a reward.

Vivian Leon, MSIPC director, says the concert will be "quite a get-together."

"When he played at Carnegie, we had quite a group from Missouri Southern traveling to New York to see him," Leon said. "He has already seen many of us a few times, so he feels like he's coming back to old friends."

"I think people here are really going to enjoy this performance," she said.

"We are very excited to have him back as the winner to play a full recital. It's his encore performance."

Cranmer, who started playing with the Philadelphia Orchestra at age 9, has been practicing the piano six hours a day in preparation for the concert.

"I've been working hard toward this program," Cranmer said. "I wanted a lot of pieces that I like to play. The most fun to play is Friedman-Gartner waltzes; I think the audience will really like those."

Some selections from the works of Beethoven, Chopin, and Liszt will also be a part of the program. Leon said Cranmer is excited about coming back to perform at Southern.

She believes he enjoyed not only the solid competition here last year, but also the hospitality he received while on campus.



COURTESY OF VIVIAN LEON

The Senior Division winners from last year's Piano Competition are (from left to right) Carl Cranmer, 1st place; Roberto Corlano, 2nd place; and Sasha Starcevich, 3rd place. Cranmer will perform in Webster tomorrow night.

"He is very much so looking forward to this and ready to go," Leon said.

"His time here during the competition evidently was very positive."

According to Leon, Cranmer's recital means a good deal to MSIPC and Southern.

"We are very proud of him as our winner," Leon said. "Not only is he an outstanding pianist, but he's also a nice young man whom we have really enjoyed working with. I'm sure we will be hearing more about him in the future."

Tickets for the event are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for stu-

dents and senior citizens. They can be purchased at Ernie Williamson Music House; Billingsly Student Center box office, Room 112; and at the door.

For further information, persons may call Leon at 625-9755. □

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Orchestra gears up for spring concert Monday

■ Show will feature work from Brahms, Copland

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

Violins, trombones, and the sound of other instruments will fill the air when the Community Orchestra performs in Taylor Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The spring concert will feature Johannes Brahms' "Hungarian Dances for Orchestra," Aaron Copland's "An Outdoor Overture," Edvard Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite No. 2, Op. 55," and the overture to the opera "Oberon."

William Elliott, professor of music, will direct the 58-member orchestra consisting of students,

faculty, staff, and members of the community.

"We have some outstanding pre-college students and townspeople who are quite capable amateur musicians," Elliott said. "And we welcome others who have the willingness and ability to perform."

The orchestra has been practicing every Monday night for the past three months in preparation for the concert.

Elliott, who has directed the community orchestra for 25 years, chose most of the program due to melody and colorful orchestration.

"It represents the work of both 19th- and 20th-century composers—European and American," he said.

Elliott believes the goal of mas-

tering the program in a set amount of time provides an exciting experience.

"You're not really sure when you start the semester if you can get everything done," he said. "And, of course, that's the fun of it."

On first violin are Kexi Liu (concertmaster), Matt Gibfied, Pedro Gomez, Monica Harris, Valerie Couch, Susie Puyear, Carol Harrison, Tina Burk and Aleksis Zarins.

Second violin players are Susan Cook (principal), Sharen Brown, Farrah Couch, Christie Stubblefield, Carol Cook, Linda Nichols, Janet Hopkins, and George Williams.

Other members are Gloria Jardon (harp and piano); Tim Morton and Cathryn Vincel (per-

cussion); Maria Curry, Hal Barlow, and Eugene Mouser (trombone); Dr. Wayne Harrell and Donna Johnson (horn); Jerry Sharp, Jeff Taylor, and Joe Boyd (trumpet); Joy Moore and Rebecca Spracklen Kanan (bassoon); Angel McGlasson (oboe); Dr. Charles Thelen (clarinet); Joyce Elliott and Kathleen Cowens (flute); Betsy Thurman Reeds (piccolo); Ken Swanson, Craig Mourton, Judy Black, and Becky Claxton (contrabass); Joyce Atteberry, Annie Brown, Jacqueline Tritan, Katherine Love, and Sherie Stubblefield (violincello); and Kirt Duffy, Dorothy Graystraw, and Julie Kahr on viola.

Admission to the concert is free and is open to the public. □

New scholarship aids musicians

A new music scholarship has been established at Missouri Southern.

Nancy Landrum, Phyllis Gass, and Grace Marie Laird, daughters of the late Ralph L. Hopkins, have established the Ralph L. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship for Music.

Hopkins, a life-long resident of Carthage, and was known as an avid supporter of music activities in Joplin, Carthage, and Sarcoxie.

He was a song leader at the Dudman Springs Church southeast of Carthage for many decades. □

PERFORMING ARTS

BYU crew to present production

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

A slice of Broadway will soon make its way to Taylor Auditorium.

The Young Ambassadors, a performing arts group from Brigham Young University, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. Admission is free.

The program "Tapestry—Weaving the Colors of Life" will feature a music and dance show containing scenes from *The Secret Garden*, *Les Misérables*, *Starlight Express*, and *Big River*.

Ever since the group was established in 1970, it has toured and entertained audiences throughout the world. Its first international performance was at Expo 70 in Japan. The group is stopping in Joplin as part of its Midwestern United States tour.

John Anderson, a publicist for the Young Ambassadors, said the group is quite popular and in big demand.

"They do a lot of good for America," Anderson said. "The group represents America throughout the world and in communist countries. They reach millions of people each year through performances and broadcasts."



COURTESY OF JOHN ANDERSON

Alison Akin is the target of every young man's affection in The Young Ambassadors presentation of "Tapestry—Weaving the Colors of Life."

and acting talent just to be considered.

"It's as much fun watching them as it is promoting them," he said. "I'm very impressed with the caliber of young people who perform in the group."

Because of its fast-paced nature, Anderson believes persons of all ages will be able to enjoy the show.

"There's something for everybody," he said. "The audience has a real treat in store."

ART DEPARTMENT

Spiva Center to host the Senior Art Show

■ Event will showcase the work of 12 artists

By MICHAEL DAVISON
STAFF WRITER

For the first time, senior arts students will be testing the waters outside of the Missouri Southern campus.

The Senior Art Show, spotlighting the works of 12 senior arts students, will begin Sunday at the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts. The Center, at 222 W. Third St., Joplin, is the home for the exhibit during the renovations to Southern's Spiva Gallery.

"We appreciate the helping hand," said Jim Bray, head of the art department. "Without them, we would have had to seek out other exhibit areas. It's a testimony to the good relations between the Spiva Art Center and the art department."

The experience will be good for all that are involved, Bray said.

"Our students will have an opportunity to meet with Spiva," he said. "I think the Spiva membership will respond to the invitations sent to them by the students. That will be a big boost in terms of participation at the exhibit."

Bray said the exhibit will return to the campus next year after the completion of the renovations.

Two receptions with the artists will be held May 7 and 14, from 1-5 p.m. This will give the public an opportunity to meet with the students.

Complications did arise from the number of participants in the show.

"Originally they were going to split us into three groups, but then we divided into two," said Michelle Vineyard, senior graphics arts major. "We even had problems deciding on having two posters or one."

According to Vineyard, some of the works will be available for purchase, and those will have a card by the work along with a price.

In the past, the works would be part of an independent study class where a certain amount of pieces had to be from that class. This year, that has changed.

"Now, the artists can choose from any work that they have done," Vineyard said. "It was time consuming for the amount of credit that you would get."

Other graphic art students on display will be Jason Wilkerson, Charlie Johnson, Michele Lawrence, Todd Wade, Randal Stringer, Kristin Onstott, Cindy Bricker, and Scott Gladden.

The studio artists are Angela Johnson, with ceramic sculptures; Leticia Heigle with paintings, prints and drawings; and Bryan Kearney with paintings.

Bricker, Heigle, Charlie Johnson, Lawrence, Kearney, and Wade will be at the first reception. Gladden, Wilkerson, Vineyard, Angela Johnson, Stringer, and Onstott will be at the second one. □

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Jazz band performs tonight in Taylor

By MICHAEL DAVISON
STAFF WRITER

Keeping the swing tradition alive is the goal of the Missouri Southern jazz band concert tonight at 7:30 in Taylor Auditorium.

The 24-piece band, consisting of students and Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, will perform various different pieces of jazz in the free concert.

"It will have a heavy swing flavor but with a little bit of modern stuff, like Stan Kenton," said Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music and jazz band conductor. "We will also do some Count Basie, 'How Sweet It Is,' and it's across the board, really laid back."

Jazz is a growing movement that began gaining popularity 25 years ago in secondary schools, he said.

"As far as the public was concerned, after the swing era jazz began to drop off as the pop music society was replaced by rock and country," Meeks said. "People then

saw a value in jazz as the original American art form, as far as music is concerned."

That is how Dan Bell, senior music major, got started in jazz. He played the trumpet in his high school jazz band, but plays guitar for the Southern jazz band.

"I like all types of music," he said, "but if I continue to play, jazz is what I would want to play."

The freedom and variety are what Bell enjoys the most about jazz.

"Some of the people who learned to play horns in high school went on to play professionally and then retired and are now forming bands."

Another sign that jazz is still alive as part of the festival of arts is the first Jazz Street Joplin, Saturday afternoon. It will feature five high school bands and Southern's jazz band performing at different places in the downtown Joplin area. They will perform at Kenny's, Club 609, Guccione's, and Champ's, with professional groups playing that night.

For more information, persons may contact Meeks at 625-9634. □

Magazine spawns literature reading

By JENNIFER RUSSELL
STAFF WRITER

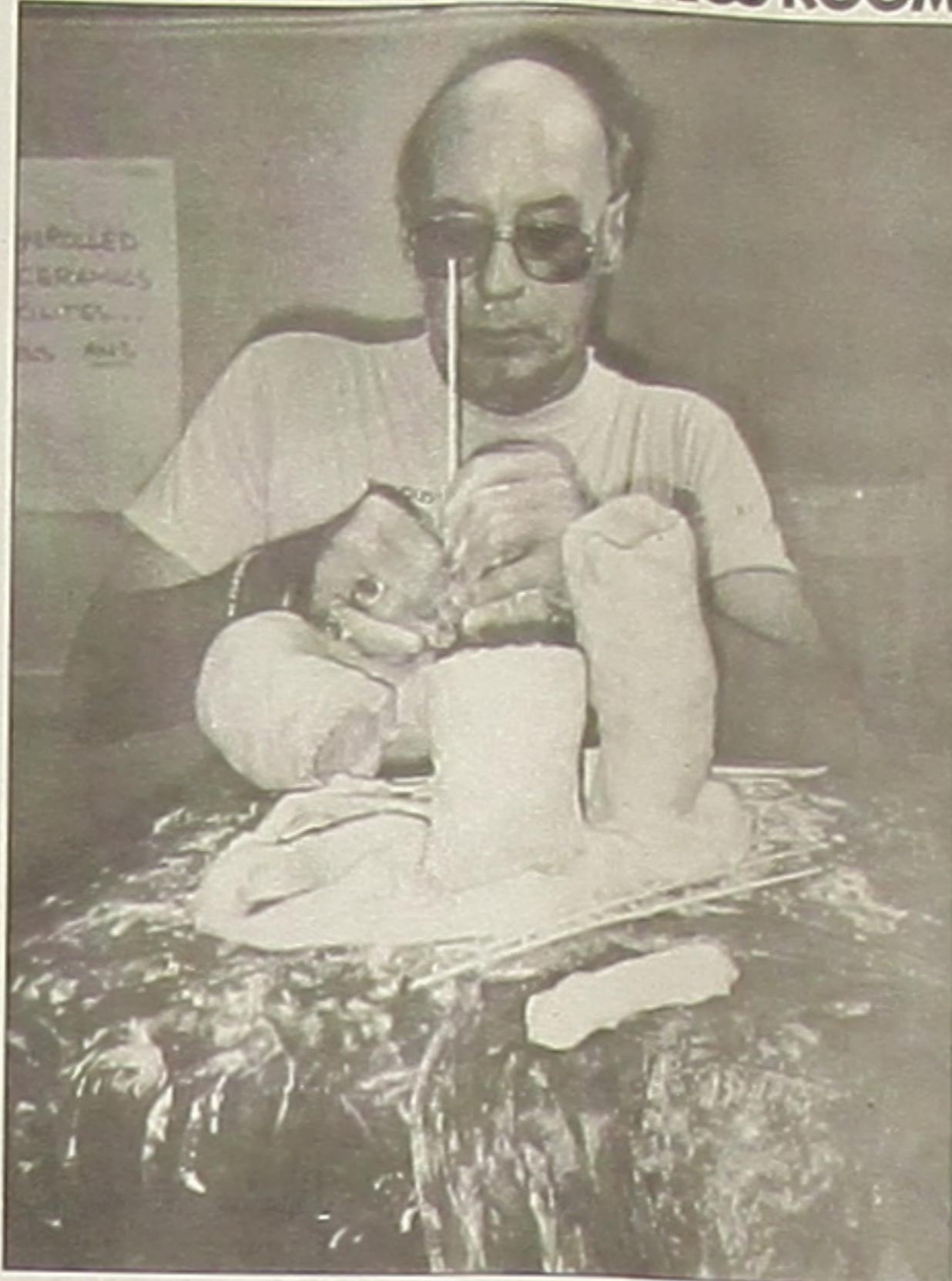
Creative arts will come alive today with the unveiling of the *Winged Lion*, Missouri Southern's creative arts magazine. Contributors to the *Winged Lion* will read their poetry and fiction, and artwork appearing in the magazine will be on display at 2:30 this afternoon in the Billingsly Student Center lounge.

"In person [the artwork] is so much more dramatic and effective,"

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CLAY DAY IN THE CERAMICS ROOM



DAN WISZKON/The Chart

John Murphy, senior art major from Neosho, diligently twists some sticks and molds some clay for a creation in ceramics class.

said Mark Sweet, senior English major and one of the editors of the *Winged Lion*. "It's nice to hear people read their work...it has a different meaning when the author reads their own work."

According to Dave Noblett, associate professor of art, the *Winged Lion* is important to students and an image builder for the College.

"It shows how an individual is expressing themselves and students can see the world through their eyes," he said. "I think it's one of the few publications that really

gives us a very positive image in the arts."

The literary editors of the *Winged Lion* give high marks to the graphics editors for the look of this year's magazine.

"The art department did a fantastic job," said Kirby Fields, editor and senior English major. "We were all a little wary at first, but aesthetically it looks great. The art complements the literary work very well."

Members of the staff say they choose different genres for publication.

Sweet said he looks for something distinctive.

"[I look for] a different voice than I'm used to hearing," he said. "Originality, topics not usually dealt with. We (the editorial staff) try to have a meeting of the minds and decide on a variety of material."

Fields believes the material in this year's magazine is of the highest caliber.

"Being familiar with the work of these writers, it's by far the best stuff they've done. It's nice for me, as a student who is writing, to be

exposed to other students' writing.

"You feel a connection to these people without even meeting them," he said.

Sweet said being published in the *Winged Lion* is important to him.

"There's a satisfaction seeing your work on the printed page. Fame is not a big thing, but it's nice to see your name in a professional form," he said.

The reading and art display is something staff members hope will continue after they graduate. □

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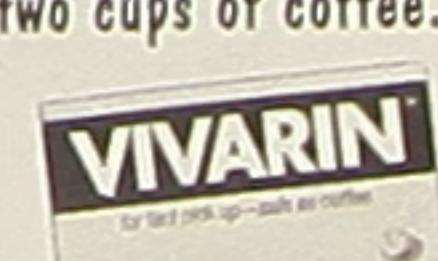
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POLLUTION

Illegal dump concerns city

■ Webb City officials attempt to stop dumping with chain across road

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Chat piles offer silent testimony to the rubble left by miners. Amid the chats in Webb City, another deposit—garbage—is a noisy reminder of human waste. In this area where trash is dumped, flies buzz around rotting spoonbill fish heads. The wing of a large, dead bird flaps uselessly in the breeze. Paper trash rustles near the discarded bodies of decaying dogs.

The seldom-seen debris cascades into a mining pit filled with murky water.

"I want this investigated because it is disgusting," said Chris Harlan, Webb City High School sophomore. "People go through there all the time and just drop stuff all over wherever they want. It just builds up."

"The water there is oily and dark," he added. "It looks like there's gasoline on top of the water. There's everything from oil drums to fish heads out there. It makes me mad."

This particular dump is hidden from the view of travelers passing on the road from Carterville to Webb City. The city street department uses the property to store gravel and other materials.

The cost of cleaning up a site like this one could be as much as \$1

million, according to Ron Twenter, assistant code enforcement officer for Webb City.

"We've got other problems here in Webb City," Twenter said. "We've got everything from people not mowing their yards to houses falling down to roosters crowing at 4 a.m. here."

Webb City residents pay a fee for trash collection, according to Gordon Fish, city administrator.

"It's probably people from out of town looking for a place to dump trash," Fish said. "It's mandatory to stop something like this. We'll seal this area off."

Twenter said there is supposed to be a chain across the road every night to keep people from traveling onto the property. Persons have been seen dumping at the site during the day. City officials said they would make sure the chain was locked across the road again at night.

Someone set fire to the area on April 28.

"I hope it burns up everything," said Don Testerman, Webb City code enforcement officer and building inspector. "The real danger here is these sink holes. Kids come out here to play and could fall down one of these sink holes."

Testerman said he didn't believe the 55-gallon oil drums floating in the water contained any toxic materials.

A complaint has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources, but the DNR has not investigated the site to date. □



Chris Harlan, Webb City High School sophomore, attempts to determine the depth of water in a pit containing and surrounded by trash and debris.

ENVIRONMENT

Stream teams protect water areas

■ Missouri citizens work to keep streams clean, monitor water quality

By TONYA PRINCE
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-one Stream Teams and eight water quality monitors in the Jasper Newton County area work to maintain clean streams and monitor water quality.

"What I like about it is I can make a difference," said Traci Lyons, junior environmental health technology major at Missouri Southern.

Lyons serves as a volunteer for a local Stream Team and is a member of the Water Quality Monitor Program.

The volunteer programs are a cooperative effort between the Missouri Department of Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, and Conservation Federation of Missouri. These departments and programs work to involve citizens in water quality monitoring and river conservation.

"We monitor the water every three months, try to measure the flow, trap things in it, and categorize them," said Jim Wills, a volunteer water quality monitor.

"Water quality monitors check the water every three months and do physical, chemical, and biological testing," Lyons said. Physical testing is done to check on the streams' velocity.

Chemical testing checks for chemicals such as pH, dissolved oxygen, biological oxygen demand, ammonia, alkalinity, and hardness.

"I work with an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)-conscious gentleman, Harry L. Edwards, who is going through environmental water school and we do it as a team project," Wills said.

The information collected by water quality monitors will be used to establish a baseline for the conditions in the streams monitored.

This will locate water quality problems for more detailed studies and resolution, help the Department of Natural Resources enforce water quality laws where needed, and follow long-term trends in statewide water quality.

"The goal is to go over streams for an amount of time to see if there are changes," Lyons said. □



Sam the dog helps Traci Lyons, Water Quality Monitor volunteer, tests the oxygen content of water in Shoal Creek at Cherry Corners Access.

JOPLIN

Jazz tunes add spice to festival

■ Third Taste of Joplin is set for Saturday on Main Street

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Music from local jazz bands, including the Missouri Southern jazz band, will spice up the third annual "A Taste of Joplin" Saturday.

Main Street Joplin and the Downtown Joplin Association are sponsoring the outdoor food-tasting festival. The event will take place on Main Street between Fourth and Seventh Streets. Jazz bands will play from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a Dixieland band playing from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Taste of Joplin will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We'll have a wide variety of things: drinks, chocolates, entrees, and appetizers," said Sunny Drenik, executive director of Main Street Joplin. "We're going to have it for three days but decided to start small and let it grow. Next year it might be two days long."

The festival is designed to showcase restaurants' "signature items" for tasting by the public.

The spotlight is focused on Joplin area eating establishments and food service providers. Sixteen restaurants are participating this year.

Taste of Joplin will feature "tasting competitions" in the categories of Best Appetizer, Best Entree, Best Dessert, Best of Taste, People's Choice Award, and Booth Design.

"I think it will be an exciting program to bring people downtown," said Judy Stiles, board member of Main Street Joplin.

"Not only will they enjoy great music, but they can sample some tasty food. It'll be a chance for some starving students to taste some great food." □

NIGHTLIFE

Chitchat brews at new, local coffee house

■ Java House serves entertainment, poetry, coffee, food, more in social atmosphere

By AILEEN GROENEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

They aren't Ted Danson and Woody Harrelson, but they stand behind a counter and serve up the same kind of atmosphere. Brian Williams and Brook Drumm opened the Java House on March 3 and found a crowd who likes to go where everybody knows their names.

"It's like Cheers, without the beer and smoke," said Mark Williams, a frequent patron and brother of the owner. "I come in a couple times a day. I spend a lot of money here!"

A love for coffee gave Williams and Drumm a new direction after

their recent graduation from Ozark Christian College.

"We used to go out for coffee all the time with our wives, Kim and Margie, and the only place to go was Country Kitchen or the Waffle House," Williams said. "We had been to big cities where they had coffee houses, so we started playing with the idea and it finally materialized."

The Java House may not be the only place to find specialty coffees in Joplin, but several features make it distinctly different.

"We're open late at night; we have live music, and we have local art hanging on the walls," Williams said. "We have an open mic night on Thursdays, where people can get up and read poetry or sing. We're different."

The atmosphere of the Java House is also distinct. A u-shaped bar in the center sports the usual

high stools, and clusters of tables and chairs randomly fill every nook. In one corner, a comfortable sofa and chairs invite a leisurely browse through books on the coffee tables and shelves.

In the opposite corner, a young man with a guitar straddles a high stool and interprets the world through music. Williams said they never have to look for musicians willing to play.

"I like the way it looks," said Mark Hostetler, a student at Ozark Christian College. "The whole idea of a coffee shop is kind of grunge, and it fits that image. The attitude is social."

Hostetler said he goes about once a week, usually just to meet people and hang out. He always finds a crowd.

"It gives high school kids a place to go, which has been both positive and negative," Williams said.

"They tend to get rowdy, and it drives away some of our adult crowd."

The appeal of the Java House extends beyond the teen scene, however. Business people come in for a Danish and a cup of coffee on their way to work and enjoy a deli sandwich for lunch.

"During the day and evening, we have mostly an adult crowd," Williams said. "Late nights and weekends, it's usually a younger group."

Thirteen members of the American Association of Songwriters will present new music Thursday night, May 11, and the art work of Matt Myers is on display this month.

"We haven't heard a negative word about the place yet," Williams said. "Everyone who comes in is really responsive and supportive." □



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

The Java House offers area residents a place to sit and talk while drinking non-alcoholic beverages. Bands, like Solace, often entertain.

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GUARDING THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL



RYAN BRONSON/The Chan

The Capitol Building boasts statues such as this one, which says "United We Stand, Divided We Fall."

MISSOURI BUSINESS

International trade club created in central Missouri

■ Mid-Missouri trade club to hold first meeting Tuesday in Jefferson City

BY RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Companies that do international business in mid-Missouri will now be able to communicate better with other international businesses in the area thanks to a newly formed network called the Central Missouri International Trade Club.

CMITC will join similar networks in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield, where the Greater Ozark International Trade Club is based.

Angela Kinworthy, senior trade and development officer at the

Missouri Department of Economic Development, said she has confidence in the program.

"I think it will be a successful venture," Kinworthy said. "It will evolve. This is our first meeting, and we expect 35-40 people. Within the year, we hope to have somewhere around 100 members."

The club's first meeting will be Tuesday at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Mark Hitt, chairman of the CMITC, said he hopes a few additional people show for the initial meeting.

"Our goal for the kickoff is 50 people," Hitt said. "We would hope not less."

"There are really two purposes for the program," he said. "One is to allow people with like problems and like information to get to know

each other and to help get through those problems. The second is as an educational resource."

Hitt said it would not be easy to evaluate the benefit of the program to companies because of individual differences, but that the program covers a wide range of concepts and ideas.

"It's difficult to put a dollar value on the program," he said. "The programs in Kansas City and St. Louis have been around for a long time. If they weren't important they wouldn't still be around."

The cost for an individual membership is \$50 per year, with student memberships going for \$15 annually.

"This is a way students can learn about the business, and there may also be job opportunities," Hitt said.

Eugene Robinett, vice president of

the GOITC, will emcee CMITC's first meeting.

"This should enhance our effort at supplying our members with opportunities to learn," Robinett said. "I don't think there is anything negative as far as effects."

The GOITC, which covers the Joplin area, also allows students to become members at a reduced rate.

"It is a good opportunity for students to get a feel for the companies that are in the network," Robinett said.

The GOITC, which began three years ago, has increased its membership from 12 to 150, Robinett said.

Robinett anticipates additional growth.

"There's probably businesses out there that would benefit from the network that don't know about us," he said. □

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Mark Hitt
CMITC chairman

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UMKC education school receives \$166,000 grant

The school of education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City has received a \$166,000 grant to establish the Missouri Center for Safe Schools.

The center will serve as a resource for urban, suburban, and rural schools across Missouri and will provide information and ongoing assistance in the development of effective ways to improve safety in the schools.

"A recent nationwide survey of parents of public school children shows that a large majority of parents feel that public schools are failing to provide a safe and disciplined environment," said Young Pai, dean of the UMKC school of education. "Through the Missouri Center for Safe Schools, we will focus our efforts to make students and teachers feel secure in the classroom."

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded the grant. □

Western celebrates 25th anniversary

A free concert Saturday night will cap a week-long celebration as Missouri Western State College celebrates its 25th anniversary as a four-year institution.

The concert, to be held in Spratt Memorial Stadium on campus, will feature music, food, hot air balloons, and a fireworks extravaganza.

"I think it is an ideal way to celebrate and invite the community out to the campus for an evening of fun, free entertainment," said Dr. James McCarthy, executive vice president.

A dinner tomorrow night will mark the end of Western's "Benchmark XXV: Exceeding Expectations" capital campaign. Bob Roth, campaign chair, will announce the final total of the \$4.1 million campaign. □

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Flotron predicts revolution

State Sen. Franc Flotron (R-Creve Coeur) told the *Jefferson City News-Press* that the Missouri General Assembly is experiencing a revolution and that he is considering running for governor next year.

Flotron said the Republicans need just three additional seats in the Senate and six in the House to gain the majority in both chambers. He cited House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) as an example of the weakening Democratic caucus.

"Griffin's days are very shortly numbered," he said. "He was the second-most powerful person in the state of Missouri, and he made certain that there wasn't ever anyone in the House that was a threat."

"There is something of a revolution going on."

He said a Republican majority is more likely if the governor were Republican.

"I am really seriously thinking about running," Flotron said. □

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mission bill awaits Senate approval

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Sen. Sid Johnson thinks the missions bill for Missouri Southern and Missouri Western has a great chance to reach the Senate floor and a good chance to pass.

"I think it probably will pass," said Johnson (D-Agency), "and we'll probably get to it unless we come to a grinding halt."

The bill essentially would provide the opportunity for the College to implement a master's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in manufacturing technology. It would also provide an international theme for Southern. The bill recovered from a setback in the House when it was combined with mission statements from Central Missouri State and Southwest Missouri State.

"As of yesterday (Tuesday), the bill was 21 down in the Senate," said Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), referring to how many bills are left to be debated before the legislation comes to the floor.

The SMS bill tried to resurrect itself, but it has been squashed in the House. A last-ditch effort to place the bill on the Southern/Western bill may come about, but Johnson said he doesn't see that as an option.

Johnson said he hasn't heard any opposition "yet" to the bill in the Senate. Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) was the main opposer of the bill in the House.

"I feel pretty good about it," Johnson said, "but I've been wrong before."

Webster funding reslated

A conference committee replaced \$544,344 in the higher education budget Monday as repayment to Missouri Southern for the Webster Hall building.

The Senate Appropriations Committee removed the funding last Wednesday when the legislation included an additional \$400,000 in interest the College had to pay on the loan.

Apparently, some members of the Senate do not feel obligated to fulfill an agreement that was made between the College and the General Assembly. Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said.

"People forget unless you get it in writing," Burton said.

In 1991, the College agreed to take out a loan to pay for the building because the state was low on funds.

The state, in a verbal agreement, said it would repay the loan at a later date.

Burton said Gov. Mel Carnahan would try to keep the \$544,344 in the budget.

The governor is concerned because last year there was a clause that it was a final payment," he said. "But the governor had originally recommended the entire appropriations last year." □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Kansas City area schools to test transfer program

An electronic information transfer technique that's saving other colleges and universities across the country time and money is coming to Missouri with the help of a cooperative venture that will be tested using institutions in the Kansas City area.

Participants involved in that effort met at Longview Community College last week to sign an agreement allowing the project to move forward. It involves Central Missouri State University, Metropolitan Community Colleges of Greater Kansas City, the University of Missouri system, and Raytown Consolidated School District No. 2.

The agreement marks the adoption of SPEEDE/EXPRESS, which will make the electronic transfer of transcripts and other data possible between each participating institution. The computerized, fast, accurate, and efficient means for exchanging educational data is expected to revolutionize record keeping and enhance the college enrollment process.

SPEEDE/EXPRESS will not only eliminate hours spent inputting information, but it will curb time and costs institutions incur in copying and mailing transcripts. It is estimated that colleges spend anywhere from \$1 to \$12 to produce and send a transcript. □

UMSL students to pay for new student center

Students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis have voted to pay most of the costs for a new \$26 million student center.

The 165,000-square-foot building, targeted to open in 1999, would include lounges, meeting spaces, game rooms, stores, a study area, a computer lab, food services, and a larger bookstore. The admissions, financial aid, registrar's, counseling, placement, and health services offices would also move in.

The new student center would more than triple the size of the current one, a collection of small, cut-up spaces on four levels.

UMSL also expects to open its first student housing this fall. About 480 students will live in a \$12 million cluster of nine apartment buildings on the southern edge of campus. □

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Concealed-weapons bill shunned by police chiefs

■ Legislators show disgust toward letter written by Missouri Police Chiefs

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

In a letter to state legislators, the Missouri Police Chiefs Association accused gun organizations that support a Missouri concealed-weapons bill of being pro-violence, anti-government, and part of the militia movement. But legislators didn't appreciate the warning.

Rep. T. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) said he was disgusted by the letter and that it should not have tried to tie the legislation with the bombing in Oklahoma City.

"It (the bombing) shouldn't be used to further anyone's political agenda," Elliott said. "That's what the police chiefs were trying to do."

Elliott said he wasn't the only legislator upset by the letter and some attempts to tie those responsible for the bombing to the Republican Party.

"It really enraged a lot of people around here," he said. "Those people affiliated with the bombing and paramilitary groups don't like any political party. They are anarchists."

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said he was also disappointed by the letter.

"To me it shows a degree of ignorance," Burton said.

"This [letter] will probably help the bill pass."

The Senate has already approved the bill, which would allow sheriffs to issue concealed-weapons permits to individuals who pass background checks and have proven the ability to safely use a gun.

The House has yet to hear the bill as of yesterday morning. □

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SOFTBALL

Lady Lions squeak into regionals

■ After going 0-2 in the conference tournament, Southern plummets seven spots to No. 8

By NICK PARKER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After two shutout losses in last weekend's MIAA tournament, the Lady Lions fell to No. 2 in the Central region standings.

Nationally ranked No. 8 Missouri Southern lost 8-0 to Northwest Missouri State University in game one and 1-0 to Washburn University in game 2. The two losses quickly eliminated Missouri

Southern from the conference tournament.

"We had a bad day," head coach Pat Lipira said. "It didn't reflect the season we've had. I've been telling them that I don't know of any team on any level that hasn't had a bad day. But their efforts

during the season have earned the respect of the conference and the region."

Despite the losses, Southern is ranked second in the Central Region and will advance to the regional tournament May 12-14.

The Central Region Top Four (As of May 2)

1. Central Missouri State University
2. Missouri Southern State College
3. Pittsburg State University
4. Wisconsin-Parkside

The host school will be decided Monday.

The Lady Lions have amassed the best record in the conference at 43-6. The MIAA coaches showed their respect by giving all-conference honors to nine

Southern players.

Senior first baseman Shally Lundien, freshman second baseman Jenni Jimerson, junior third baseman Shari Heider, senior pitcher Andrea Clarke, and junior outfielder Melissa Grider were named to the first team.

Junior outfielder Misty Deaton and junior designated player Ginger Daniel were named to the second team. Junior catcher Shauna Seward and sophomore pitcher Holly Trantham were honorable mention selections.

Lundien was named MIAA most

valuable player, and Jimerson was named freshman of the year. Lipira was named coach of the year.

"It was nice to see the respect from the conference," Lipira said. "It was a big surprise winning coach of the year; most of the time that award goes to the coach of the tournament champions."

The Lady Lions have been giving some clinics to young softball teams in the area this week. They were at Carl Junction Tuesday and Webb City yesterday. They will practice today, before Lipira gives them the weekend off.

Southern will be busy preparing for the regional tournament next weekend. □

SOFTBALL

Lundien, Jimerson win MIAA honors

By NICK PARKER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Shally Lundien

This year's MIAA MVP, Shally Lundien, said her competitiveness and good sportsmanship have set her apart from the other players in the conference.

The Lady Lion senior first baseman was also a first-team all-conference selection. Lundien was one of five Missouri Southern first team selections.

Lundien credits much of her success to head coach Pat Lipira.

"Coach lets us go at our own pace," Lundien said. "She is one of the best coaches I've ever had. She believes in the team."

Lundien said the "team" attitude demanded by Lipira has helped her and the team to be successful this year.

"Everybody deserves something on our team, not just me or certain players. It's a team," she said.

Jenni Jimerson

For the third straight year, the MIAA Freshman of the Year recipient hails from Blue Springs (Mo.) High School.

Missouri Southern second baseman Jenni Jimerson is this year's winner. Pitcher Mandee Berg,



Lundien

from Central Missouri State, received the award in 1994. Michelle Kessler, pitcher for Northwest Missouri State, was the 1993 Freshman of the Year.

"It was very exciting," Jimerson said. "I was kind of shocked. It's a great honor for me."

Jimerson said she has improved the most mentally over the course of her first collegiate year. She said she is now mentally able to handle "pressure moments" better than before.

Jimerson thanks her teammates and head coach Pat Lipira for helping make her freshman season a success.

"I have to thank my teammates; they are a big part of it," she said. "I also have to thank Coach Lipira, who taught me a lot and encouraged me."

"She is a great motivator and enthusiastic. You can tell she loves her job, and it rubs off on the team. Everybody around her can feel the excitement." □

TRACK & FIELD



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Southern junior Albert Bland attempts a long jump last weekend at the MIAA Track and Field Championships at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN JUMPS INTO MIDDLE OF MIAA PACK



Coaches pleased with meet, season

Southern's small size hurt during MIAA conference showdown

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

had in the meet, compared to many of the other schools, we did extremely well," Rutledge said. "There is no reason for me not to be proud of my kids. They proved, with a smaller group, that they can compete."

Senior Scott Tarnowiecki ended his MIAA career with two personal bests for the year. He placed second in the 100-meter and third in the 300-meter.

Rutledge said Tarnowiecki did what all seniors are expected to do: end their career on an up note.

"Scott Tarnowiecki had probably the meet of his life, and it was at the end of his senior season like it was meant to be," Rutledge said. "Scott was picked at the bottom in all of the pre-race rankings, but

rose above a lot of other people in the end. He was even sick on Monday with the flu, but still had his mind on the meet."

"That is a true competitor."

Women's head coach Patty Vavra said she was also pleased with her youthful squad's output last weekend and its sixth-place finish.

"For a small group we were not able to score as many points as we would have liked to, but for a smaller group we did quite well," she said. "We had some of our best performances last weekend."

Senior Tongula Walker placed in all four events she took part in. Walker tied her national champion triple jump of 40 feet and 11 inches and captured first place in the MIAA. Walker also placed second

in the long jump and in the 200-meter, and third in the 300-meter.

Vavra said junior Rhoda Cooper also rose to the occasion and really shook things up in the 3000-meter race after sitting out over a year and a half with an injury.

"She was ranked 12th going into the 3000-meter and surprised everyone finishing second," Vavra said. "This will be a big mental boost for her. When she gets completely healthy we will really see good things to come from her in the future."

Both Southern squads will take part in the Southwest Missouri State University Invitational Sunday. □

BASEBALL

Weather dampers MIAA championships

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

It has been a long waiting game for the three teams remaining in the MIAA championship tournament.

Rain put the conference tournament in limbo Sunday less than an hour before nationally ranked No. 8 Missouri Southern (42-9) and No. 6 Central Missouri State University (39-8) were to take the field. The third team in the MIAA title picture is No. 23 University of Missouri-St. Louis, who stands alone in the loser's bracket after its 6-5 loss to the Lions on Friday.

The Mules and Lions hope to take the field at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Joe Becker Stadium. MIAA Commissioner Ken Jones, athletic directors Jim Frazier and Russ Bloom, and UMSL head coach Jim Brady decided the games must go on.

Southern pitcher Scott Wright (8-2) said he thought the week-long layoff gives the team time to rest and think about the Mules.

"I really don't think it mattered one way or another, but maybe it has helped us prepare for CMSU a little bit," he said. "I think

the team and myself are really sure we can go out there and beat them."

Wright said he plans to treat the game against CMSU no different than any other.

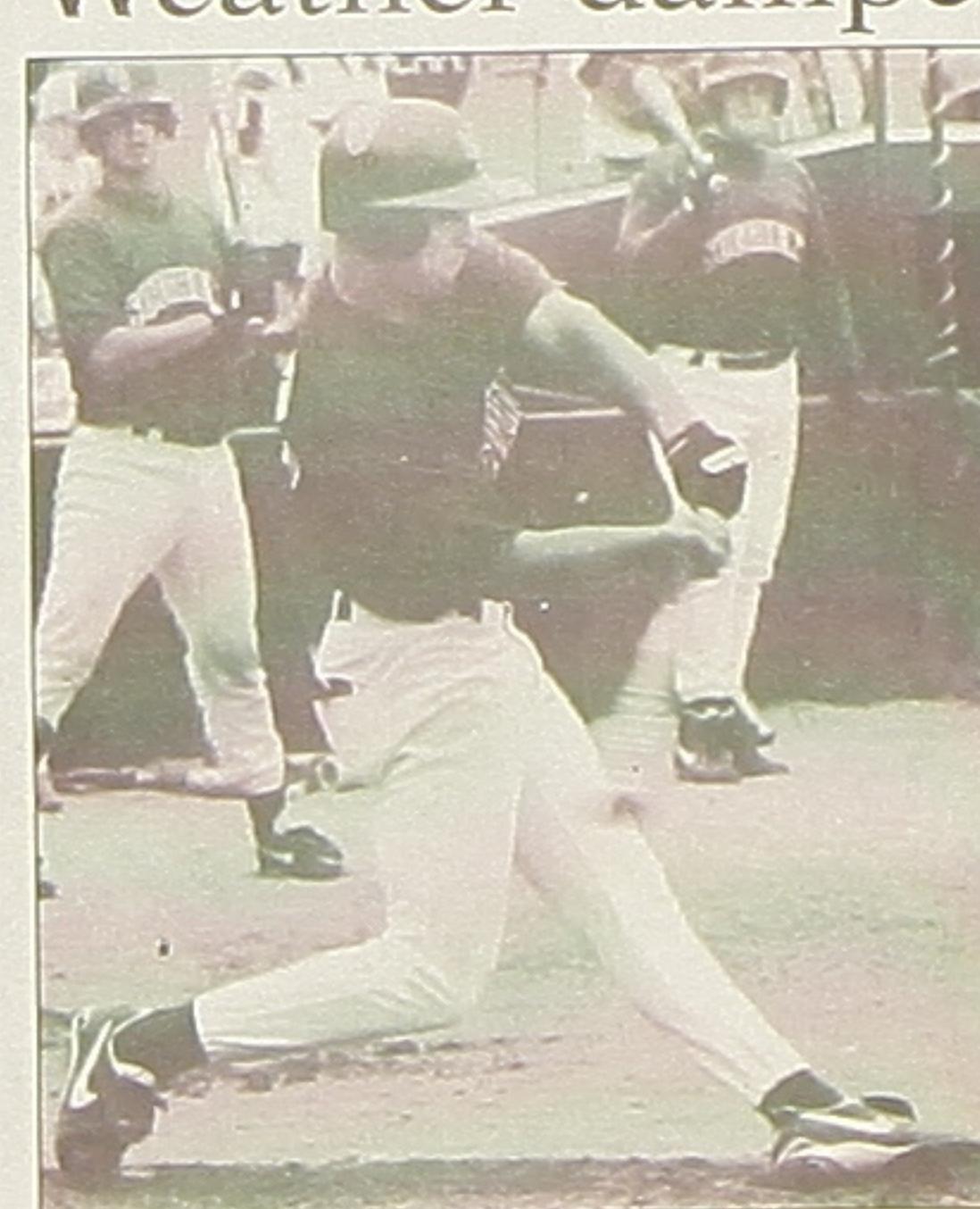
"I am going to go out there and take it one pitch, one batter, and one out at a time," he said. "There are a good hitting team, but I am going out there and approaching every batter the same."

Wright's counterpart on the mound for the Mules will be Bob Poisal (11-1). Poisal, who watched Southern beat UMSL 6-5 in the first round of the tournament, said he doesn't anticipate an easy outing tomorrow.

"I was really impressed with the Lions' hitters," Poisal said. "But their record really speaks for itself. They have some really good hitters like Tony Curro, who is having a great year. My game is to try to keep the ball low and get them to hit grounders and pop ups."

Poisal said he disagreed with Wright and thought the delay was a nightmare for all teams involved.

"I would have definitely rather played," he said. "I don't like sitting around in a hotel room waiting. □



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Southern's Tony Curro takes a cut last Friday against UMSL.

SPORTS COLUMN



And the winner is...

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the LePage-Smith awards, selected annually by The Chart sports staff.

The awards were established in 1986 by former Chart sports editor Shaun LePage. In 1989, Chart editor-in-chief Rob Smith added his name to the awards.

First up, Surprise Team of the Year, goes to a group of over-achievers—the soccer Lions. At the beginning of the season, many viewed Missouri Southern's soccer program as frivolous at best. The Lions proved this a false hypothesis, finishing second in the MIAA and 11-7-1 overall.

The Lion Team of the Year, without a doubt, the baseball Lions. What is interesting about this group of athletes is the camaraderie. No one is seen as better than the other, and winning is viewed as a total team effort. That attitude is sure to bring success in the near future.

By a unanimous decision, the Lady Lion Team of the Year award goes to the softball team. The Lady Lions held the No. 1 spot in the national polls for a month and amassed the best record in the MIAA at 43-4. Southern was eliminated early in the conference tourney last weekend, but has shown it still deserves a berth in the regional tournament.

Next up, Newcomer of the Year, is former Lion quarterback Doug Switzer—NOT! The real award goes to baseball Lions' senior third baseman Tony Curro. After transferring from McNeese State University, Curro spearheaded the Lions' offensive arsenal this season with a .449 batting average.

Lion of the Year goes to junior running back Albert Bland, who had to bring a box to carry home all the awards he won after his record-setting season. Bland rushed for 1,511 yards last fall and was named second team All-American.

Lady Lion of the Year is basketball senior guard Sonya Harlin. With more than 1,000 career points, Harlin finished her senior year by leading her team to the conference playoffs.

Southern's Most Inspirational Player is softball pitcher Andrea Clarke. After helping Southern to a national championship in 1992, Clarke sat out a season to spend time with her ailing mother. She returned to the Lady Lions in 1994 and is back on track this season with a 20-3 record and a 0.54 ERA.

Next, the Senior of Distinction award goes to track member Tongula Walker. Already on the Lady Lion Wall of Fame, Walker captured her second national championship in the triple jump this winter.

The Play of the Year award goes to Lion Pride pep band member Steve Kyser, who nailed a half-court shot in December as part of a halftime promotion. After Kyser sank the shot with no time left, fans poured onto the court (including us) to share in the celebration.

No respect, I tell you...we get no respect around here. This is something the winners of the Rodney Dangerfield Award say a lot. We give this award to the track and cross country program at Southern. Your efforts and accomplishments are overlooked by many.

Coach of the Year goes to head softball coach Pat Lipira and head baseball coach Warren Turner. This duo gave Southern two teams ranked in the nation's top 10, and their teams have combined for an 84-13 record this season. □

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Use of time vital for Moss

■ MSTV production manager has worked hard to blossom her potential

By LESLIE ROBERTS
CHART REPORTER

Time management is the key to a successful college career, according to Shelly Moss, communications major.

She gained experience in time management through her job as student production manager for MSTV and two other jobs in the mass communications industry, along with belonging to several honor and leadership clubs. She has also participated in many intramural sports. Despite all these activities, Moss still maintains a 3.916 grade-point average.

After graduation, she plans to either go to graduate school or work for a Kansas City television station.

"I like producing shows and directing," she said. "I'd even like to be in management. But if I do go to graduate school, I'll be a teacher. I'll be like Mr. (Ward) Bryant, a television production teacher."

"Shelly was actually chosen for MSTV student manager because of the potential that she showed," said Bryant, assistant professor of communications. "She's lived up to that potential very easily. She's a very dedicated student."

Moss also sees herself as dedicated.

"I always like to succeed at whatever I do," Moss said. "So whenever I take on a task, I try to be the best at it that I can. I got mass communications student of the

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Name: Shelly Moss

Major: Communications

GPA: 3.916

year. When I got this job, I was like 'I want to work as hard as I can and do the best that I can.' Evidently I impressed people, because they decided to bestow that honor upon me."

Honors are not new to Moss, however. She belongs to Omicron

Delta Kappa (the national leadership honor society) and is the secretary of Alpha Epsilon Rho (the national broadcasting society). She is also in the honors program and was recently initiated into Alpha Chi because of her GPA.

Moss believes she could have earned a 4.0 had she placed a higher priority on grades.

"Well, when I was in high school, grades were a bigger priority," she said. "I was valedictorian at Webb City. I couldn't get an A- or I wouldn't have gotten it."

"So when I came to college I slacked off a little. I got 3 B's, and

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STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Shelly Moss, communications major, is the production manager at MSTV.

Busy Bauer enjoys social aspect

By RYAN HOWERTON
CHART REPORTER

By making the most of her college years, Barbara Bauer, elementary education major, has been able to participate in and even lead many activities yet still maintain her 3.91 grade-point average.

"I've always worked hard for my grades," she said. "I think they are pretty important. But I haven't worked so hard that I haven't been able to have fun."

Bauer has served as president of an honors club and as a member of the Student Senate, participated in several intramural sports, and is a member of several honors societies.

"I've really enjoyed the social aspect of college," she said. "I really enjoy meeting people."

"I've met more people at college

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Name: Barbara Bauer

Major: Elementary Education

GPA: 3.91

than I thought I would."

She thinks going away to college has helped her grow as a person.

"When you go away to college, you can be your own person," Bauer said. "You can find out who you are and be that person."

Bauer has more than demonstrated her outgoing personality and work ethic, according to Dr. David McConnell, assistant professor of education.

"Barbara is extremely compe-

tent," McConnell said. "She produces excellence and has a great personality, which sparkles in and out of the classroom. She is very teachable and has a great spirit."

For her senior honors project, Bauer investigated the language philosophy, a concept that claims children learn from things that are meaningful to them. According to Bauer, it is pretty new and therefore controversial and misunderstood.

"I surveyed teachers, parents, and administrators in a dozen school districts," she said. "I wanted to see what their attitudes about language were."

Through this project she demonstrated her quest for knowledge.

"The reason I chose this project was because I had learned some about it in my classes," she said. "I wanted to research it some to better understand it myself." □

Successful Priorities

■ Almandinger didn't have to live and breathe books to achieve 4.0 GPA

By APRIL BURR
CHART REPORTER

Making schoolwork a top priority has made Travis Almandinger successful. Almandinger, a senior criminal justice major, has a 4.0 grade-point average.

"It hasn't been all that tough," he said. "I made more challenging classes a first priority."

Almandinger said his toughest class was Oral Communication with Dr. Karolyn Yocom, associate professor of communications.

"I never had anything like that in high school," he said, adding that he learned quite a bit from the course.

Almandinger's favorite class was U.S. History, an honors course with Dr. Virginia Laas, assistant professor of history. His favorite instructor is Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology and Almandinger's adviser.

Almandinger admits that he always worked while in college. He worked as a night janitor, a lifeguard at the Missouri Southern pool, and is currently a full-time police officer in Carthage.

With all this work he had little time for extracurricular activities, but he did manage to play some intramural volleyball.

Almandinger said there is no big secret to his success.

"I didn't have to do a whole lot of studying," he admits.

As far as advice goes, Almandinger says, "Don't ask a teacher 'Is this going to be on the test?' I think teachers resent that because it looks like you're only there to get a grade and you don't appreciate their expertise."

Almandinger said his wife will graduate from Southern next year. By 1997 he hopes to enter law school somewhere in the Pacific Northwest. □

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Name: Travis Almandinger

Major: Criminal Justice

GPA: **4.0**



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Travis Almandinger, criminal justice major, converses with his wife, Abi, at the Honors Convocation. Almandinger is a full-time Carthage police officer.

Ellis to attend Oklahoma State this fall

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

When Larry Ellis Jr. started college at the age of 33 with the goal of becoming a physician, academic achievement took top priority.

After five years at Missouri Southern and with a 3.90 grade-point average, Ellis will enter the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa in August.

Ellis and his wife have been married 19 years and have three sons. They are all looking forward to their move to Tulsa from Carl Junction.

"I attribute my success to a combination of support from my family, from the biology department, from Missouri Southern, and a lot of hard work," he said.

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Name: Larry Ellis Jr.

Major: Biology

GPA: **3.90**

Before going to college, Ellis was a buyer for a plumbing wholesaler in Joplin. He has no regrets about his delayed entrance into college because he believes he was too immature to do so after graduating from high school.

"I had a lot of good instructors at Southern," Ellis said. "I enjoyed too many of them too much to choose a favorite."

Histology was his favorite course, however. There were so

many top-quality students in the class, it was a pleasure to attend, he said.

Human Physiology and Anatomy was his toughest course because Dr. Vonnie Prentice, the instructor, demands a lot of details.

"I've been here about 25 years," said Wayne Stebbins, associate professor of biology, "and Larry Ellis has been one of the finest young men who has been in the department. He has been an excellent student and a good family person."

Ellis carried on his aim of academic achievement and tried to pass it on to others.

He was a tutor at Southern and for the Hammons Program, an enrichment program Southern offers for students from grade school through high school.

His advice to those he tutored

was to attend all their classes, to study each subject everyday, and not procrastinate.

His extracurricular activities centered around his family. He works for the Joplin Family Y. On campus, Ellis was active in the Pre-Professional Biology Club, serving as treasurer one year and president another.

Ellis officiated as a science fair judge at local high schools during his college career as well as helping with the one Southern has every year.

After completing his medical education, Ellis hopes to return to the Joplin area to practice.

"I felt I received an exceptional education at Southern," he said. "I think it is a credit to Southern and its biology department that they can get a 38-year-old man into medical school." □

Discipline important for Gripka

Top 25 Seniors of May '95

Name: Rachel Gripka

Major: Marketing

GPA: **3.89**

By RYAN HOWERTON
CHART REPORTER

Marketing major Rachel Gripka, who has a 3.89 grade-point average, said her grades are a high priority.

"I seem to study every night," she said. "I feel guilty if I don't study."

"I think I work hard for my grades, and I don't think other people do. I think people should take it more seriously and not skip as much."

Being an honors student helped Gripka through school. It seemed to open doors for her and made college a little more interesting.

"If you were an honors student, teachers would take more time with you," she said. "It gave you an edge and made things seem a little easier."

In addition to her marketing major, Gripka will also receive a minor in psychology.

"I was very interested in it (psychology) as a major," she said. "I like helping people, and that's why I thought about it so much."

One of Gripka's favorite instructors is Terry Marion, professor of business.

"He is a real-life type of person," she said. "He would make your education seem useful."

Marion has many of the same sentiments for Gripka.

"She's a very conscientious, serious student," he said. "She is always thorough with everything. She's the type of student you wish all students would be."

"I'm sure she'll be successful in whatever she attempts."

Gripka said if starting her college career over again, she would make more of her freshman and sophomore years.

"I didn't search as much as what I should have," she said. "They tell you when you're a freshman and sophomore that you have time to choose. But you really need to get focused if you want to get through it quickly." □

Elbert best described as genuine, caring

■ Future teacher focuses her attention on her faith

By RYAN HOWERTON
CHART REPORTER

A genuine and caring person is how one would describe Jennifer Elbert, elementary education major.

"I have a very supportive family," she said. "In addition to that, I put my faith in God and try to follow His will."

Elbert has earned a 3.93 grade-point average while serving as a family leader for Koinonia, a mentor of the Hammons program, and a participant in several intramural sports.

"I think grades are important," she said. "They have always held a high priority to me."

"I think people just need to find their purpose and focus on God, and he'll take care of the rest."

One of the highlights of her college career was a field trip she took to Central America through her Biomes class.

"It was a lot of fun down there," Elbert said. "The people down there are so receptive and nice to be around."

The trip also stands out in her favorite instructor's mind as well.

"Jennifer is most impressive,"

Top 25 Seniors of May '95

Name: Jennifer Elbert

Major: Elementary Education

GPA: 3.93

said Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology. "She has an incredible capacity to do work. While we were in Central America Jennifer was in charge of photography, and in a period of six days she developed and showed over 720 slides.

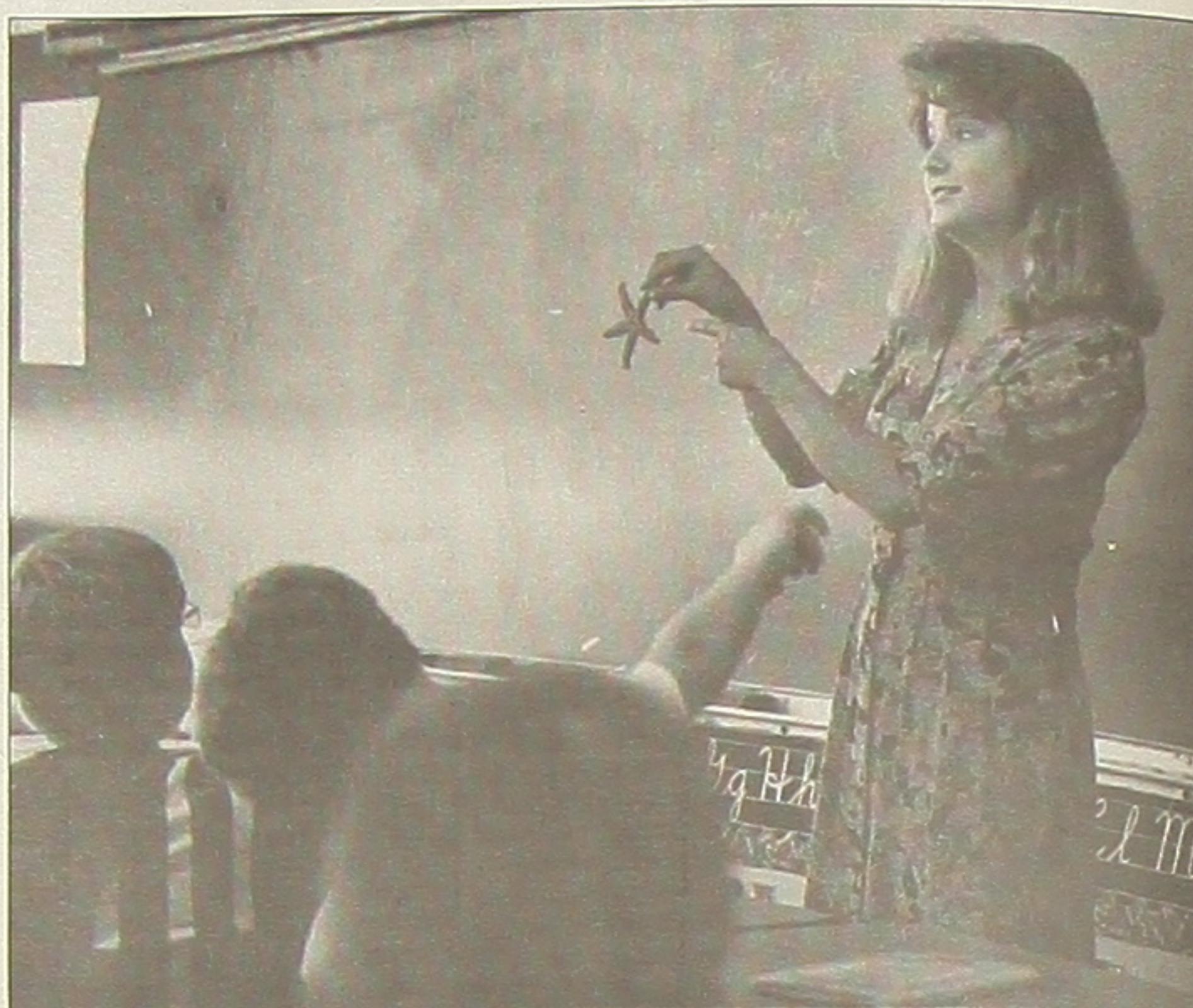
"To some that may not sound incredible, but she taught herself the whole process."

Jackson describes Elbert as a caring person who tries to help everyone.

"Everyone who knows her enjoys being around her," Jackson said. "She will represent Missouri Southern well."

Elbert plans to go on to graduate school upon graduation from Southern.

"I would like to teach while I work toward my master's in counseling," she said. "I also plan to have a family if it's God's will." □



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Jennifer Elbert, elementary education major, student teaches at Mark Twain Elementary School in Webb City. She is active in several campus organizations and plans to attend graduate school after graduation.

Hall stays ahead despite extracurricular activities

By MICHAEL MUNSTER
CHART REPORTER

Being busy is an understatement for Janessa Hall.

Aside from her schoolwork and numerous campus-related activities, the psychology major also works as a tutor for psychology and English students in the Learning Center.

Hall also worked in the Spiva Library for almost a year shelving books and helping students use the computers to locate information.

Hall's 3.91 grade-point average has earned her a spot on the dean's honor roll every semester. She said placing a high priority on her grades is a must.

"You have to have a 3.5 grade-point average in order to stay in honors society," she said.

Dr. Brian Babbitt, professor of psychology, said Hall is a fine student.

"She is easy to work with because she is a self starter," Babbitt said. "You don't have to tell her to start."

Hall was involved in many extracurricular activities at Southern. She was president of the

Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and currently serves as president of the Southwest Missouri chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Hall was a member of the Lion Pride Marching Band for three years. She is also involved in the foreign language honors society Phi Sigma Iota and the psychology honors society Psi Chi. She was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honors society, and Epsilon Mu Sigma.

Hall has minors in French and English. She has had some of her works published in the *Winged Lion* for three consecutive years.

Hard work and good instructors are the things Hall believes she owes most of her success to. Her advice to other students is keyed on getting the right adviser.

"I recommend getting a good adviser because they'll make sure that you take the right classes and professors," she said.

After graduation, she plans to take a year off with her fiance, Scott Bonner. She plans to attend graduate school at Cornell University and work toward a master's in social psychology. □

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Name: Janessa Hall

Major: Psychology

GPA: 3.91

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She is easy to work with because she is a self starter. You don't have to tell her to start.

Dr. Brian Babbitt
Psychology professor



Janessa Hall, psychology major, tutors freshman engineering major John Hodge at the Learning Center. Hall is involved in ODK and NOW.

Garrison stays 'on the ball'

■ Transfer student stays focused on elementary education while juggling work and marriage

BY RYAN HOWERTON
CHART REPORTER

Dealing with young children should be easy for Catherine Garrison, elementary education major, after her college career.

She has been able to balance a marriage, work, and still maintain a 4.0 grade-point average.

"I think the secret is discipline," Garrison said.

"I try not to neglect anything and don't procrastinate so I get things done," she said.

"My grades aren't No. 1, but I just do the best I can."

Garrison wants to teach in a Christian school and has already taken many steps in the right direction to reach her goal. Besides being a co-op student from Ozark Christian College, her husband, Doug, and she are youth sponsors at Carl Junction Christian Church.

"It was hard being a coop from Ozark," she said. "But I'm really thankful for the opportunity to attend both schools."

"I liked OCC. The people over there are really nice and easy to work with. But the

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Don't be intimidated by other students or your professors.

Catherine Garrison

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the International Reading Association. She hopes everyone would enjoy their college experience as much as she has.

"Don't be intimidated by other students or your professors," she said. "Do your best and try to get involved." □

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Name: Catherine Garrison

Major: Elementary Education

GPA: **4.0**

courses at Southern were geared more toward my career."

And she should do well at her chosen profession, according to Dr. Vicki Spencer, assistant professor of education.

"She is an excellent student with excellent attention to detail," Spencer said. "She does everything with a smile. She is a true pleasure to work with and be around."

"I'm sure she'll be a success as she moves into her chosen career. She has strong values and ethics. She will be a good role model for her students and an excellent ambassador for Southern."

Garrison is in Kappa Delta Pi, Missouri State Teachers Association, Alpha Chi, and



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Catherine Garrison talks with her husband, Doug, at the Honors Convocation reception. Garrison is one of five seniors carrying a 4.0 GPA toward graduation...

Future teacher learning to use 'bag of tricks'

■ McBride loves language and is student teaching high school Spanish

BY GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

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I'm not a real intelligent person, but I'm a hard worker. That's where it comes from.

Donald McBride

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Secondary education major Donald McBride is getting a view of the classroom from the other side of the desk as he discovers the rewards of teaching Spanish.

"I love language," McBride said. "I think Spanish is an important foreign language for us to learn. When students actually grasp a concept I'm trying to get across, when they ask for material ahead of time, I know they're really getting it."

McBride is currently student teaching Spanish I and Spanish II

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Name: Donald McBride

Major: Secondary Education

GPA: **3.95**

classes at Joplin High School. He works with a cooperating teacher and is responsible for preparing his own lesson plans and testing over material he has covered.

"My first day, I was kind of nervous," he said. "It was easier after I met my cooperating teacher."

"There are a lot of students, and I had to learn their personalities and they had to learn mine. There was

a lot of adjustment on both sides."

McBride, who has a 3.95 grade-point average, said he competes with himself to get good grades.

"I'm always striving for an A," he said. "I think GPA is important because it is a good reflection of my capability."

"I'm not a real intelligent person, but I'm a hard worker. That's where it comes from."

McBride said Lisa Crawford, Spanish instructor, has been a driving force in his education.

"She has probably helped me the most," he said. "She's been right there and has given me so many super ideas on how to present the material."

McBride said tactics from Crawford's "bag of tricks" include using posters to illustrate Spanish verb conjugation.

"She has kept in close touch with

me during my student teaching," he said. "She comes by the classroom to visit, and she is always really supportive."

Crawford has nothing but praise for McBride.

"He is my diamond," she said. "He has dedication and integrity. He assimilates information quickly and attains what he learns. All students who achieve do that."

"He'll be a good role model for students because he plans ahead and carries through. You just don't find one like that very often."

McBride's favorite class at Missouri Southern was Secondary Reading, taught by Dr. Rosanne Joyner, former associate professor of education.

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George's qualities transmit excellence

■ While making studying a top priority, George says healthy attendance shows on grade-point average

By PARRIS SMITH
CHART REPORTER

Making studying a habit has finally paid off for Edward George, who has balanced family and school to graduate in the top 25 of his class.

George, a criminal justice major with a 3.952 grade-point average, said studying was a top priority during the final three years of college.

"My first year I got myself into a studying rut," he said. "I knew it would get harder, so I did the best I could early."

Dr. Jimmie Williams, associate professor of criminal justice, was George's favorite instructor at Southern.

"He is the father figure of the criminal justice department," George said. "If you need help with school, family, or a job, he's there for you."

According to Williams, George has several qualities that allow him to excel.

"Edward is not only scholarly, but is extremely dependable," Williams said. "He spends time helping with activities that benefit the department and Southern students."

In high school, George was an average student who daydreamed in class. He knew it was time to put the daydreaming aside and pursue realistic dreams when he entered college.

One of the main things George stressed in college was attendance.

"There is nothing a teacher dislikes more than somebody wanting help with their grade who hasn't attended class," he said. "If

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Major: Criminal Justice
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it comes down to you getting an A or B and you've been to class everyday, you'll get the A in most cases."

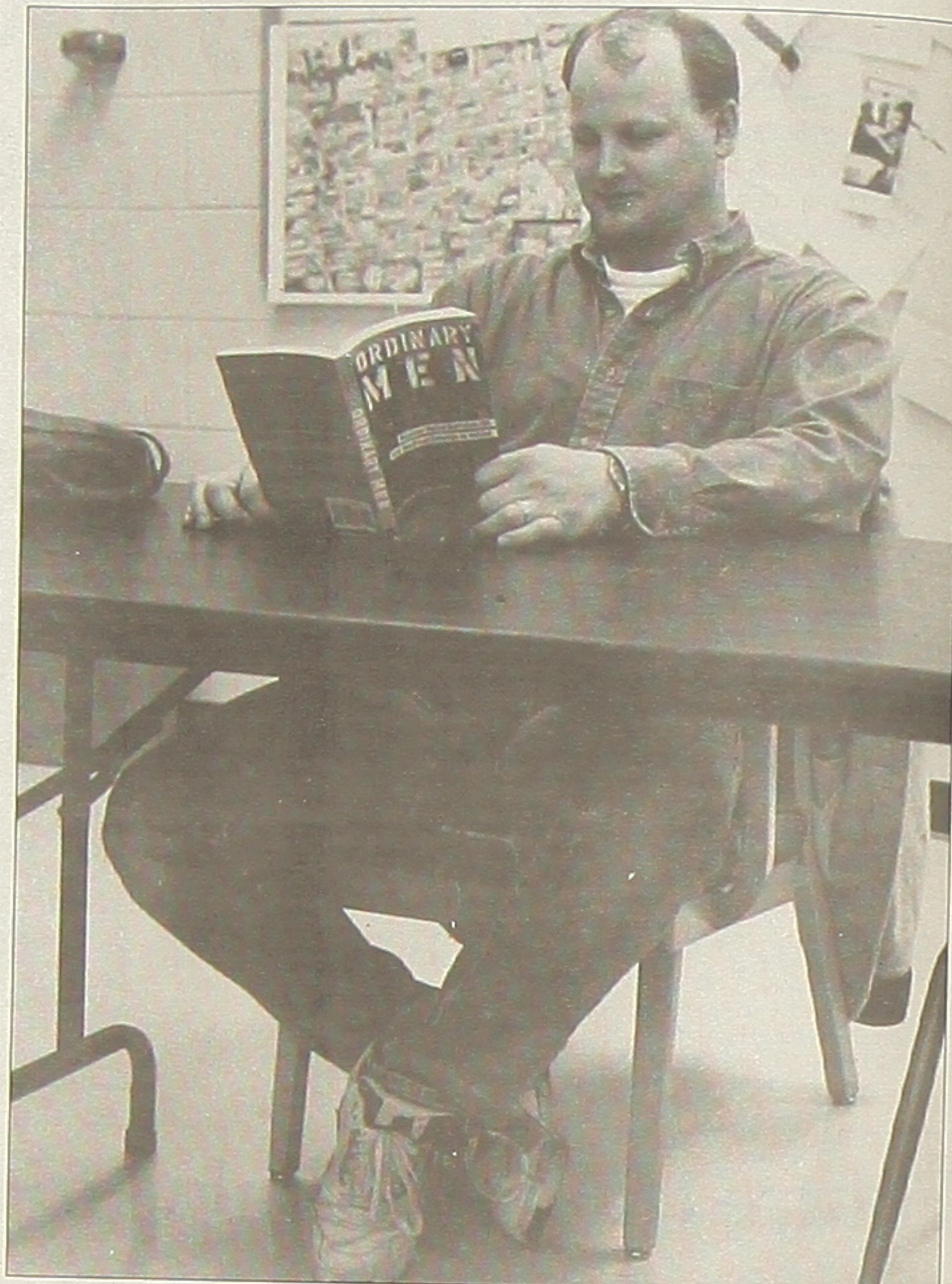
George is involved in many organizations on and off campus. He serves as one of the vice presidents of the Criminal Justice Student Association and an honors society. Off campus, he is a member of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors Association.

Another task George handles everyday is being a husband and a father to 3-month-old twins.

After graduation, he plans to work as a park ranger for Kansas Wildlife and Parks.

George advises students never to pass up extra credit.

"If the teacher offers free points, you would be a fool not to take it," he said. □



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Criminal justice major Edward George put aside daydreaming in high school to 'pursue realistic dreams' in college.

Music major Lunow fulfills lifelong dream

■ Non-traditional student shows talent and character

By JEREMIAH TRIPP
CHART REPORTER

For Linda Lunow, senior music major, graduation will fulfill a lifelong goal.

"It's been a lifelong dream to go to college," she said. "When the opportunity came, I jumped at it. A degree helps people take you seriously."

Lunow, who has a 3.95 grade-point average, is the music director

at College View Baptist Church. She also serves as Missouri Southern's cheerleading director.

"I'm not an athlete but I love athletics," Lunow said. "The cheerleading gives me the chance to put athletics and music together."

Her favorite class at Southern was Music Arranging, taught by Pete Havelly, head of the music department.

"The class gave me the opportunity to be creative," Lunow said. "I could use all of my music knowledge to arrange the songs."

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Name: Linda Lunow
Major: Music
GPA: 3.95

Havelly said Lunow displays considerable talent and character in the classroom.

"Linda was a very diligent and thorough student in class," he

said. "She produced some excellent musical arrangements."

Lunow is also involved in the marching band, pep band, concert choir, and chamber choir. She credits her husband, Dwight, and children for always being there for her. Two of her four children currently attend Southern, and her husband is assistant director of the physical plant at the College.

If Lunow could change one thing, she would have gone to college right after high school. She admits that keeping up with her

school work while being a mother is a struggle.

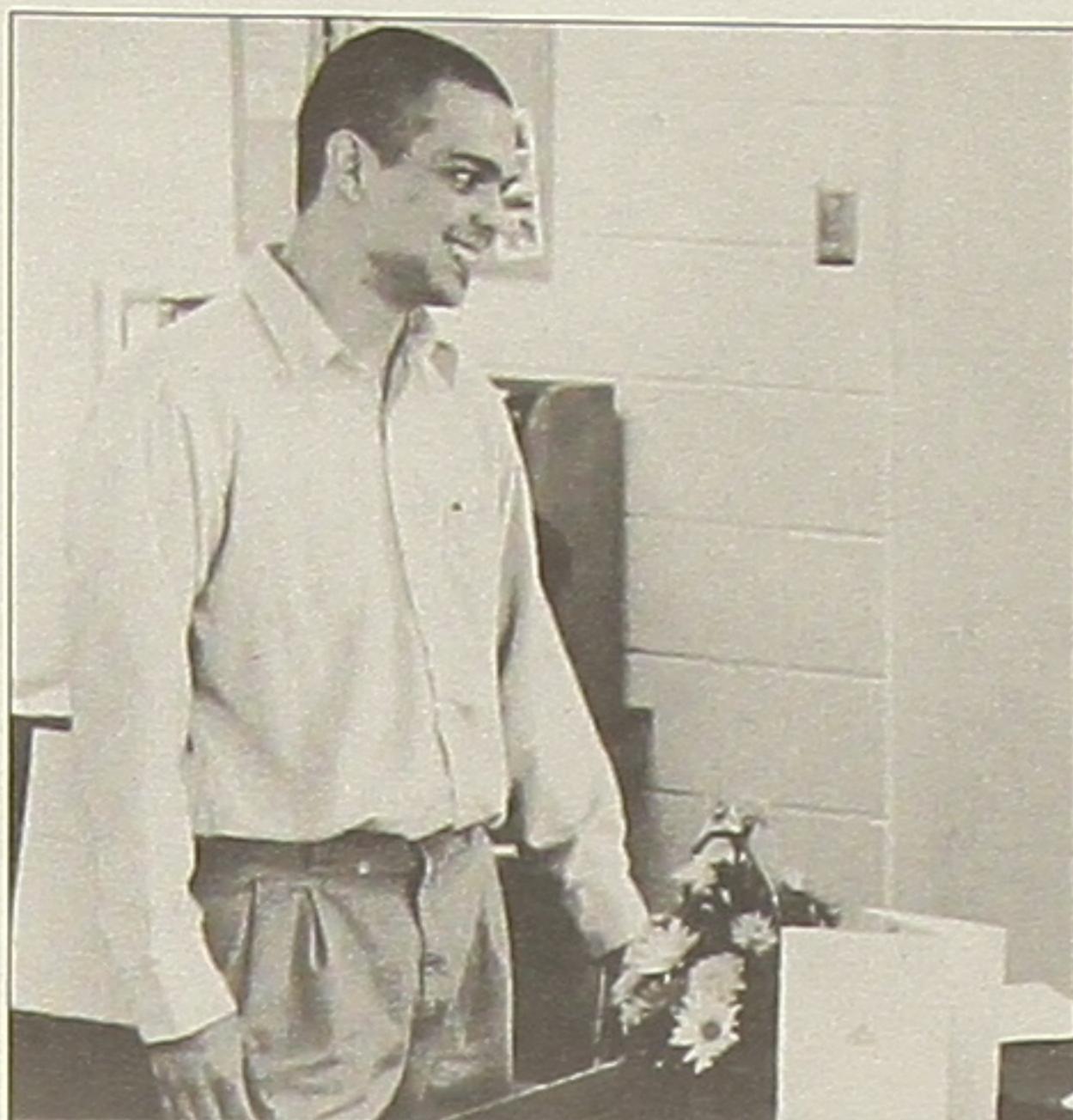
Lunow, who plans to pursue her master's degree, puts a high priority on her schoolwork.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself to prove I could do it," she said.

Lunow admits that music comes easily to her, but subjects like science are more difficult.

"I developed a hunger for knowledge," she said. "I'm committed to making my dream come true. You owe it to yourself to do the best you can." □

Overestimation, attendance keys for Fields



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

English major Kirby Fields enjoys skateboarding and listening to music.

By BRENT BELL
CHART REPORTER

His key to becoming one of the top 25 graduating seniors: just go to class.

English major David Kirby Fields believes several things go into becoming a model student, but they are not as complicated as one might think.

When asked about his secret to making the grades, he replied, "Just go to class." Fields entered this semester with a 3.97 grade-point average.

"I had to work pretty damn hard, but hard work goes with the major, and I enjoy the work," he said. "The fewer hours in school you take, the harder time you will have; the more hours you take, the better time you will have."

Fields also encourages overestimating, whereby he says making things out to be harder than they actually are is a good way to overcome difficult tasks. And also know how to relax, he says. Fields enjoys skateboarding, listening to

music, and keeping up with baseball.

He enjoys any upper-division class, but says, "I have had classes where the best thing that I got out of them was a date."

Fields said his favorite course was Introduction to Philosophy because of its abstract nature.

"Kirby is the kind of student who makes teaching exciting," said Dr. Lanny Ackiss, professor of English and director of the honors program.

"I kind of forced myself under his wing," Fields said.

He also tutors at Southern and works part-time at Toys-R-U.S.

Fields has always attended Southern.

"I thought of going to MU once, but that was stupid," he said.

After graduation, Fields had planned to take a year off to work full-time at Toys-R-U.S before going on to graduate school. But his plans took a detour on April when he proposed to his girlfriend, Leuinda Molleck, a junior English major. The two are planning to wed on Jan. 6. □

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Name: David Kirby Fields

Major: English

GPA: 3.97

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The fewer hours in school you take, the harder time you will have; the more hours you take, the better time you will have.

Kirby Fields

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Counting on Hawke

■ Future accountant says she likes numbers and problem solving

By KEVIN COLEMAN
CHART REPORTER

Numbers hold the interest as Jill Hawke figures on a career in accounting.

With an accounting major, Hawke is certain her education will lead to her career choice.

"You get an accounting degree, you apply for an accounting job," she said. "I like numbers and I like problem solving. When you get out of college there's definitely a job you can go into. It's not like you get a degree and wonder."

Hawke began her education at Missouri Southern in the summer of 1990 at the prompting of her neighbor, Joe Vermillion, a College counselor at the time. She said he asked her about her grades in high school and encouraged her to take the ACT. An ACT composite of 30 earned Hawke a "full-ride" scholarship.

"When I started I was afraid to go to college," she said. "I didn't think

I was going to do well. I was really intimidated. I went in the summer to check it out. I didn't go [that] fall, I didn't think I'd be able to handle it."

After another summer, Hawke realized she could make good grades so she began full-time. She went every semester except the fall of 1992. That semester she filled in as secretary for Don Seneker, former dean of technology, while his secretary was on maternity leave.

Going to school full-time hasn't kept Hawke from working. She's an accountant at the First Presbyterian Church, and she previously worked at Firestone in a clerical position. Another job that keeps Hawke busy is her 7-year old daughter, Tara.

"Sometimes she will come in, set her books on top of mine, and start reading," Hawke said. "She'll just assert herself."

Hawke is also active in church. She attends the Church of Christ and sings in the choir. She has also taught class at another Christian church in town.

Hawke credits her 4.0 grade-point average to hours of studying.

"My parents pray for me all the

time," she said. "And I pray for me all the time. I dedicate a lot of time to school, instead of having fun."

Bill Paapanen, professor of business administration, has been Hawke's instructor for Principles of Accounting, Intermediate Accounting, and Governmental Accounting. He is also working with her and two other students on a senior honors project involving derivatives.

"I've known her academically since she was a sophomore," Paapanen said. "She's truly an extraordinary young woman, a delightful person to have in class."

"She's focused on what she wants to do in life. I think she wants to go on to graduate school, and may end up teaching."

Graduate school and teaching are just what Hawke has in mind. She just learned that her GMAT score was 690 and is applying to schools now, hoping to get an assistantship to pay for her Ph.D.

"Maybe I could be a teacher at Southern," Hawke said. "It's probably four or five years down the road...the dean made some comment, and I told him, 'Just for that I'm going to come back and apply in your department!'" □

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Name: Jill Hawke

Major: Accounting

GPA: 4.0

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She's truly an extraordinary young woman, a delightful person to have in class.

Bill Paapanen
Professor of business

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Jill Hawke is hoping to carry her 4.0 GPA deep into the job market.

Wilson succeeds after long layoff

Sociology major has 'rare' mix of personality and academic skills

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Sociology major Kenneth Wilson worked for 10 years before coming to college, but that hasn't stopped him from becoming academically sound.

"For a long time I thought I had been out of school too long," said Wilson, who has a 3.896 grade-point average and will graduate with a minor in English. "I was a farmer for five years and I worked in a [furniture] factory for five years."

Wilson had one reason for coming back to school.

"I was just *really* bored," he said. Since coming to Southern, Wilson turned his focus to the future by excelling in the classroom.

"I've put a high priority on grades," he said. "I really want to do well so I try as hard as I can."

Wilson is also involved in the Hammons Program, a mentorship where he gets to be a "big brother" with a 14-year-old boy named Shawn.

"We just go out and have fun," Wilson said. "Sometimes we go to the mall or go see a movie."

Wilson also works as a tutor at the College about six hours a week.

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Name: Kenneth Wilson

Major: Sociology

GPA: **3.896**

He started his college career as an English major but changed to sociology a year ago.

Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, had three words to describe Wilson:

"Style, persistence, and desire," Gubera said. "He has an extraordinarily good mind."

Gubera said he thinks Wilson has a bright future.

"He'll see the results five or 10 years from now," he said. "He has the personal skills as well as the academic skills."

"You can't always say that."

Wilson said he has had a good time while attending Southern, but what about the future?

"I do want to go to graduate school part-time," he said, "but I don't have any particular place in mind."

"I want to get into some kind of management or social work."

Wilson said he regrets taking 10 years off before coming back to school.

"I don't regret taking time off," he said. "But 10 years was a long time." □



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At the Honors Convocation, assistant English professor Rebecca Spracklen congratulates Kenneth Wilson, sociology major, who tutors students at the Learning Center and is a 'big brother' in the Hammons Program.

Greek's tenure full of hard work

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

For Douglas Greek, Southern was a fun experience but it's time to move on.

Greek is double-majoring in accounting and economics/finance. He believes his tenure at Southern has properly trained him to tackle life after graduation.

"I really want to combine the two majors to become the treasurer of a company," Greek said. "It's a lot of demanding work."

The Carterville, Mo., native says a paper he wrote about accounting in sixth grade inspired him to pursue the field.

The 22-year-old maintains his 3.86 GPA by studying at least four hours every weekday and Sundays. He characterized his four years at Southern as full of hard work and dedication.

Greek's favorite instructor is Dr. Richard La Near, professor of business. Greek has been in three courses taught by La Near,

including Security Analysis, which he currently is enrolled in.

"Dr. La Near applies what we learn to everyday life," Greek said.

La Near classified Greek as someone who quietly gets the job done. He also deems him as a dependable student who has a good grasp of economic philosophy, which is highlighted by free markets and limited government.

"He's very thorough in his work ethic and pays a lot of attention to detail, which accounting majors must have," La Near said. "Having a double major in the two toughest disciplines in the school of business is impressive. Doug's an outstanding young man."

La Near stressed all the sacrifices and rigorous discipline that go into Greek's type of schedule. He said employers at investment banks and brokerage firms will definitely take note.

"Doug has a bright future with unlimited possibilities," he said.

Greek currently works as an accounting

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Name: Douglas Greek

Major: Accounting

GPA: **3.86**

specialist for Trism Incorporated. The Joplin company has been his place of employment for the past several years.

One reason that Greek is so anxious for graduation is his wanting to spend more time with his wife of two years.

"I will probably miss the friends that I've made here the most," he said.

Greek said marriage takes up most of his spare moments with a little time on the side for basketball, racquetball, and softball. Greek has been a member of Phi Eta Sigma all four years at Southern and was recently inducted into Alpha Chi. □

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after that I just started trying to do my best again, I guess."

Doing her best didn't necessarily involve studying endlessly, however.

"I really don't study for tests," Moss said. "I just figured you go to class; you get the information you need."

Her favorite class was Broadcast Programming, taught by Bryant.

"I like that aspect of broadcasting, which is determining what programs go on the air, when they should go, and who they're going to appeal to," Moss said.

In an effort to broaden her broadcasting knowledge, Moss recently traveled to a convention at CNN headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., with Alpha Epsilon Rho.

"Atlanta is kind of scary!" she said. "We heard five or six sirens almost every day."

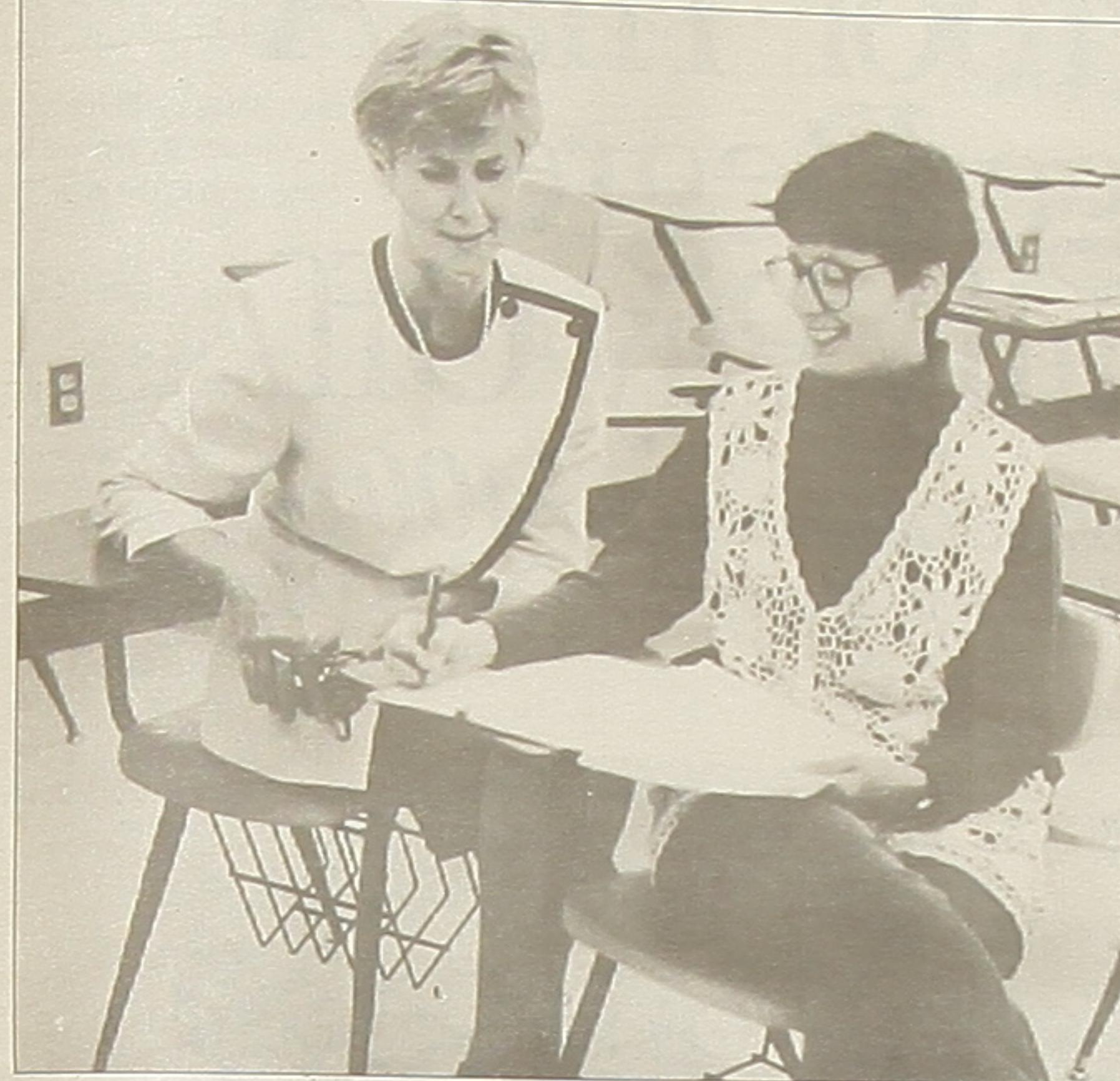
She also traveled to Oxford, England, last summer.

"It was an experience that was indescribable," Moss said. "I was there for a month, so I kind of felt like I was part of it."

Back at Missouri Southern now, Moss offers this advice to students:

"I think you can have a blast during college, but you also have to make sure you get everything turned in on time—just don't procrastinate." □

"I love giving patient care."



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Nursing majors Joan Letsinger (left) and Jeanne Antle compare notes after a class together. Letsinger will continue her work with cancer patients as an oncology nurse at Freeman Hospital.

Helping Others

■ Future nurse readies to enter ever-changing medical field

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

One thing Joan Letsinger, senior nursing major, has under her belt is experience.

Letsinger, who is graduating with a 4.0, said she has benefited greatly from her experiences working at a local hospital in recent years.

"I love giving patient care," she said. "I am one of the lucky ones who already has a job before graduation. Many people have trouble finding job opportunities after graduation. It puts me at ease that I do not have to worry about that."

Letsinger, a Sarcoxie resident, is an oncology nurse at Freeman Hospital. She said

nursing was a second-career choice and that she chose the field because it was just plain "interesting."

Letsinger said another reason she decided to explore the nursing field was to help others in their time of need.

"I love being in the position to help other people," she said. "I like to help people go through difficult times and stresses that go along with their illness. Helping others is very satisfying to me."

Being a 4.0 student was a goal Letsinger said she never set for herself, but through hard work and late nights at the hospital she thinks she has earned every single grade.

"I think being a 4.0 student is something that hides inside yourself," she said. "You do the best for yourself, and in my case that was concentrating on my studies."

"You just cannot expect to

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Name: Joan Letsinger

Major: Nursing

GPA: 4.0

be a 4.0 student; you have to earn it."

Letsinger, who will continue to work at Freeman Hospital and with cancer patients, said she wanted to give some advice for the up-and-coming nurses of the future.

"It is a changing field everyday, so you have to be ready to change with it," she said. "Five years ago, nursing was not like it is today, and the same will be true in the future."

"You have to be on your toes and be prepared for anything." □

Johnson pursues calling as teacher

By RYAN HOWERTON
CHART REPORTER

High priorities on schoolwork is a must, but putting life in perspective is how Amy Johnson, elementary education major, has attained her 3.86 grade-point average.

"My priorities are God, grades, and then social life," Johnson said. "God gives me a sense of peace, which in turn helps my grades."

After coming to Missouri Southern from a community college near her hometown of Independence, Johnson felt a calling to become a teacher. The next step was declaring an elementary education major.

"I feel like I'm going in God's will, as far as teaching," she said. "So I feel like I should do my best and learn the most I can if I'm trying to go in the direction God wants me to."

With her priorities and organizational skills, she has been able to enjoy many extracurricular activities such as Koinonia, the Hammons Program, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Alpha Chi. And even with all her activities she has still been able to make the dean's list.

"I don't necessarily procrastinate," she said. "I know what I have to get in first and I get it done first."

Johnson describes her favorite instructor, Dr. Nancy Smith, associate professor of education, as the ultimate encourager.

"She has a lot of practical ideas in her classroom," Johnson said. "It's things you will use in the classroom

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Name: Amy Johnson

Major: Elementary Education

GPA: 3.86

when you're out there. It's a lot of hard work, but everything is relative and she makes sure you know why you're using it," she said. "She's fair, and you can tell she is a Christian."

Smith had good things to say about Johnson as well.

"Amy is a delight," Smith said. "She is a very fine student interested in young children and how they learn. She is a very enthusiastic student, always smiling, and has a wonderful attitude. I think she'll make a very fine teacher and be a good representative of Missouri Southern."

Friends are as important to Johnson as her classwork. She believes her friends are a major part of her support group and have helped her get through school.

"Consider your friends carefully," she said. "It will affect your social life, which will eventually affect your school life. I am lucky I have really great friends. And I have the greatest roommates in the world."

After graduation she hopes she can get a job in the area surrounding Southern.

"I have a lot of ties here," Johnson said. "Most of my friends are here, and I like the area." □

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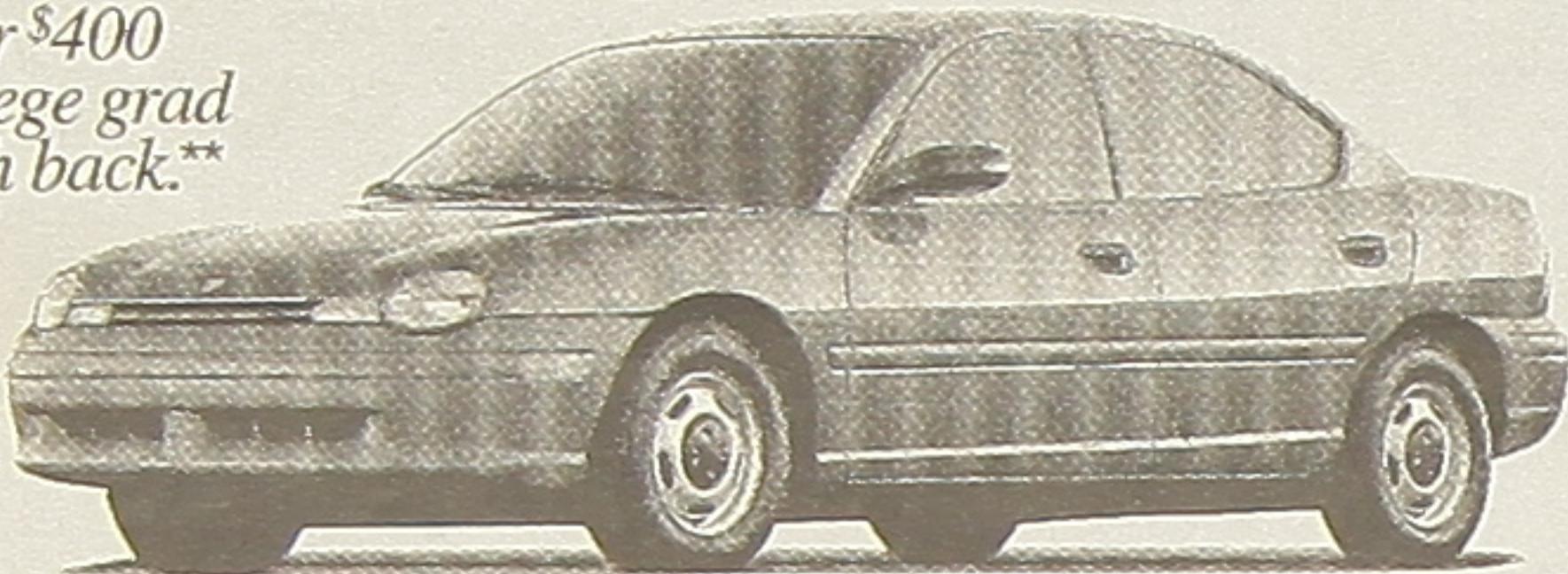
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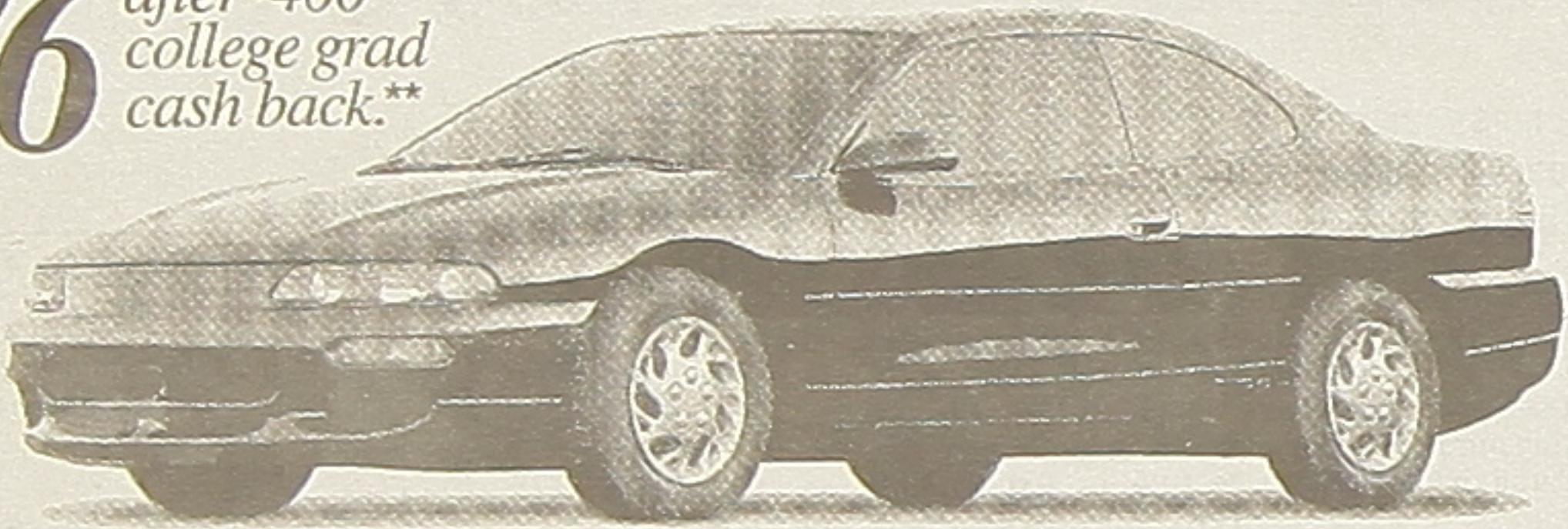
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Jones lives through discipline, sacrifice

■ Outstanding economics and finance major likes feeling of achieving goals

By HOLLY DENTNER
CHART REPORTER

As the semester comes to a close, Jennifer Jones can look back on her college career and be proud.

In addition to ranking as one of the top 25 graduating seniors, she was also named outstanding economics and finance major of the year. Jones can add that honor to many others she has received over the past four years. With a grade-point average of 3.889, she attributes the secret of her success to "discipline, discipline, discipline, and a lot of sacrifice."

Jones said she gives up much of her personal and extra time for her grades, but the results are worth it.

"I like achievement, and I like the feeling I get from achieving my goals," she said. "I know my dedication is going to pay off in the long run."

Of all the classes Jones has taken, her favorite class, Strategic Management, stands out because she said it combines everything she has learned in her other business classes.

"In that class we've been able to apply a lot of techniques and learn how to make decisions that are similar to the ones made in the real world," she said.

Her instructor for the class, Dr. Elizabeth Rozell, assistant professor of business, said Jones adds something positive to the classroom experience because she comes everyday prepared and ready to participate.

"She is very self-motivated," Rozell said. "She has a wonderful attitude in class."

On April 6-9, Jones participated in a contest/conference in Newport Beach, Calif., where she and two

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Name: Jennifer Jones

Major: Economics and Finance

GPA: **3.889**

other students presented a case analysis of a real company, examining the problems of the company and recommending changes to improve it. Rozell accompanied the group on the trip and selected the students, and said she had confidence in Jones' capabilities.

"I picked her because I knew she would get the job done," Rozell said.

Jones has also worked part-time at Contract Freighters Incorporated for a year and a half, rating freight bills and contracts with customers. After graduation, she thinks she might continue working there full-time.

"It's been a good opportunity to get my foot in the door and to see what kind of work I would like to do," Jones said. "My options are relatively open, but there's a strong possibility I'll be staying on at CFI."

Even if she does stay at CFI, she isn't ruling out more education in the future.

"I'd like to get some work experience for two, three, or four years, and then go back to graduate school and get a master's in either finance or accounting," Jones said. "I think continuing your education is really important for everyone, and you shouldn't limit yourself to four years of college."

She advises that students shouldn't neglect their grades no matter what they study.

"I think grades are a determinant of how you'll be able to learn on a job and how quickly you'll catch on," she said. "They reflect the amount of effort and time you put into it." □

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"That's the class that really put things together for me," he said. "It taught me about teaching reading, but it went much deeper than that."

The class showed me how to teach students how to dig meaning out of text, and not to rely mainly on text."

McBride said the greatest aspect of Missouri Southern comes from its exposure to various cultures.

"In essence, when you teach a foreign language, you are teaching a culture," he said. "Southern has an openness to various cultures."

"We don't have a lot of international students here, but we have instructors like Dr. [Rodolfo] Schweizer (assistant professor of Spanish).

"And the trips to Salamanca, Spain, and Oxford, England, are beneficial." □

"I have never taken a biology class I didn't enjoy." □

Taking interest

■ Sandrin's love and dedication for science key in maintaining 4.0

By RYAN HOWERTON
CHART REPORTER

Biology has always been Todd Sandrin's fascination.

"I'm very dedicated and focused," he said. "I also just love biology. I have never taken a biology class I didn't enjoy."

That love for biology shows through Sandrin's accomplishments.

He has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average through college. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and the honors program. He also finds time away from his busy schedule to tutor people in biological subjects at the Learning Center.

Sandrin said the key to his success has been taking an interest in everything.

"I think people should try to get interested in subjects that they really aren't interested in," he said. "If students can do that, it makes learning easier and more fun."

Sandrin has received praise

from his academic peers at Missouri Southern as well as from other universities. He participated in a summer internship program at the University of Arkansas and got rave reviews from the faculty there, according to Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology.

"They loved Todd down there," Jackson said. "They would love to have him do his graduate work down there."

Other schools are interested in Sandrin as well. One even flew him in for a campus visit earlier this spring.

Jackson said Sandrin is probably the strongest academic student he has met in 10 years.

"It is amazing how he could do research and perceive ideas as an undergraduate student and be able to apply those ideas and research like a graduate student," he said. "He works like a graduate student at the end of his search for a Ph.D."

"There is a soundness to his character which makes him a great person to be around. When I'm talking to Todd, it's not like I'm a teacher talking to another student. It's more like I'm talking to a peer. He's a good fellow." □

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Name: Todd Sandrin

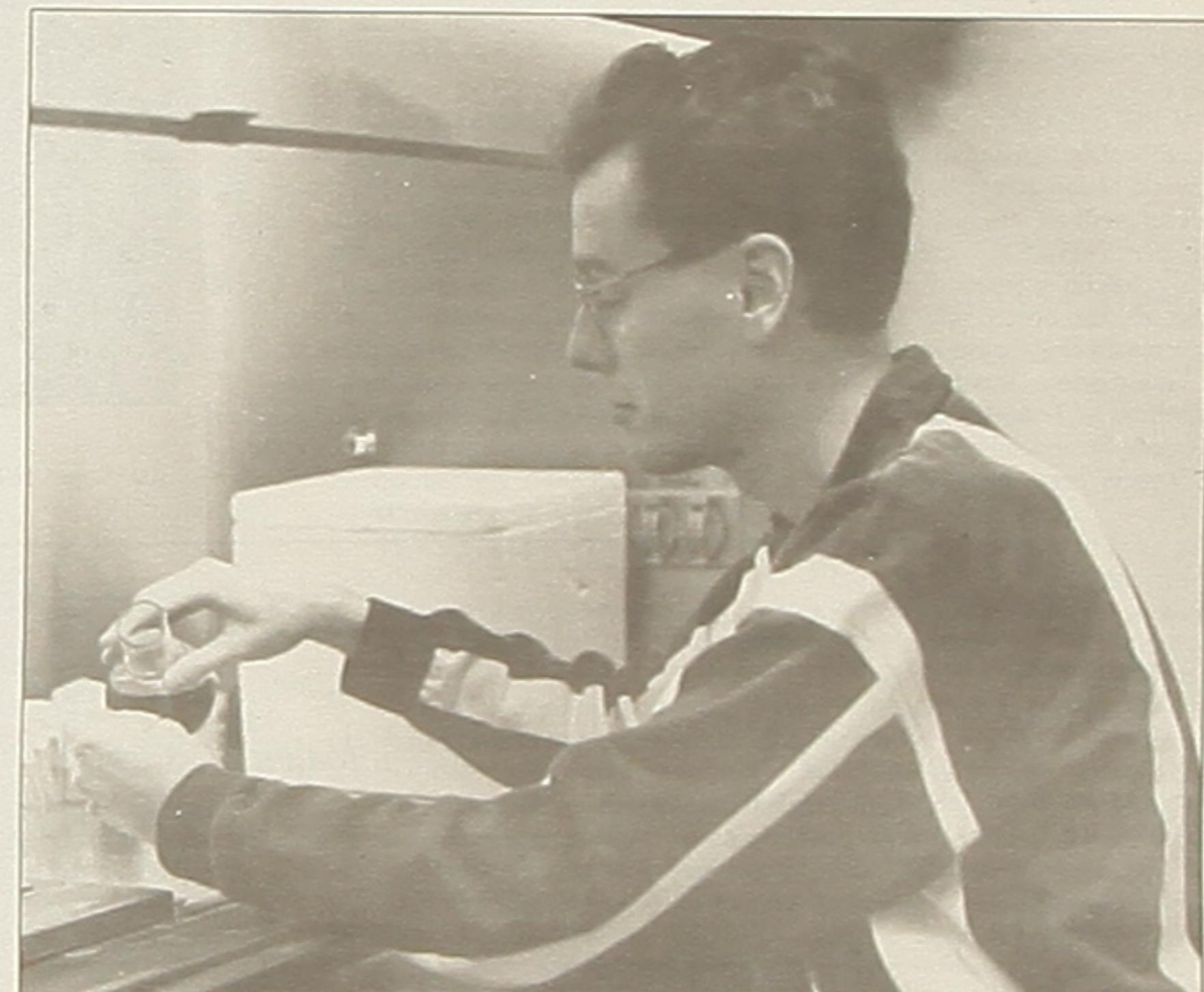
Major: Biology

GPA: **4.0**

"It is amazing how he could do research and perceive ideas as an undergraduate student and be able to apply those ideas and research like a graduate student."

Dr. James Jackson
Biology professor

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Biology major Todd Sandrin conducts an experiment in Reynolds Hall. He tutors people in biological subjects at the Learning Center and may attend graduate school at the University of Arkansas.

Sweet As Pie

■ Twyla 'Star' Sweet says her stubbornness and expectations helped push her to make grades

By KEVIN COLEMAN
CHART REPORTER

Stubbornness combined with a strong circle of friends has made her a star pupil.

One of her instructors once told Twyla Star Sweet she was stubborn.

"He said if people told me I could not do it, I was going to show them I could do it," said Sweet, an elementary education major with a certification in special education.

"I think that's it. I am stubborn. I won't take less than an A."

Sweet currently holds a grade-point average of 3.91. She said without the support of "a strong circle of friends" she would never have made it.

Sweet had surgery this semester and was afraid she might have to drop out of school. She said she was lucky to have friends who "stood behind me, pushed me up, took notes for me, and kept me up to date in class." They also helped her carry her books.

Sweet is carrying 12 hours this semester, her lightest schedule since coming to Missouri Southern. She usually has 18 to 20 hours per semester.

In order to maintain her GPA, Sweet said she studied about six hours a night.

"I'm not naturally smart," she said. "It takes a lot of perseverance. I worry about grades a lot."

When her children were young, Sweet attended Beal College, a business college in Brunswick, Maine. Her GPA there, she said, wasn't as good as she has now. She quit after a year to devote her time to her family.

During that time, Sweet worked with the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and the PTA. She remains socially active to this day.

Dr. Vicki Spencer was Sweet's instructor for Methods of Teaching Social Studies to Elementary Students. Sweet said she really liked Spencer because "she makes the sub-

ject come alive...you can tell it's a passion with her...the students get so excited...when you come out of that class you know how to teach a social studies class. I really admire her."

Spencer said she was impressed that Sweet was so active.

"She was involved with the International Reading Association, the Council for Exceptional Children, and World Issues for Study by Educators. She also served as president of Kappa Delta Phi, a national honor society for education majors, and the Missouri State Student Teachers Association.

"She is a very caring and giving person," Spencer said.

Sweet also helped with Homecoming events for the education department and never missed a home football or basketball game.

"That was important because it kept me involved with the other students," she said.

Sweet's husband, William, was a lieutenant commander in the Navy, and the family traveled extensively. It was during the time they spent in Italy that she became interested in working with children with learning disabilities.

While living there, Sweet worked in the special education department at the American high school on the NATO base.

"In grade school I had a friend with a learning disability," she said. "We were very close until the fourth or fifth grade. Then her parents took her out of public school because she couldn't keep up. I always felt bad that Helen couldn't stay in school with us."

"When I went to Italy and started working with the kids, I thought 'Oh, wow! I could help these kids.' I seem to get along with them really well, and I can communicate and have a rapport with them. I just think I can make a difference in their lives."

Sweet hopes to get a job teaching special education after graduation. She would like to work in a grade school, but said she would accept a position at a high school.

"I've been sending out resumes," she said. "Somewhere out there is a job with my name on it." □

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Name: Twyla "Star" Sweet
Major: Elementary Education
GPA: 3.91



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Star Sweet talks with her mother-in-law, Jean, at the Honors Convocation reception.

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Risby counts on family support

Accounting major Tamara Risby was astonished when she found out she was ranked in the top 25 of her graduating class.

"I was surprised," she said. "I didn't think my GPA was high enough."

Risby said the inspiration for her 3.87 GPA is her family.

"I've had a lot of family support," she said. "My husband [Mark] has helped me with my schooling."

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Name: Tamara Risby
Major: Accounting
GPA: 3.87

"I had good parents. I'm from a family that approved of individual differences," she said. "I had a lot of flexibility."

The Risbys have been married for a year and a half. Risby said she

plans to have children someday.

"I want to have three kids," she said.

Risby transferred to Missouri Southern from Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff. She is a member of the Honors Program and the Accounting Club.

She has worked for a number of businesses since attending Southern.

"I've had jobs that require a lot of time," she said.

Lately, Risby has worked mainly in her chosen profession, taking

care of people's accounts and taxes.

Risby said she doesn't have a favorite instructor or class on campus.

"I like all my teachers," she said. "I like all my accounting classes. I couldn't pick one."

"My accounting teachers are very intelligent, and that's my major, so it was what I wanted to know."

Risby said students should stay focused if they want to do well.

"My best advice is to set priorities for yourself," she said. "If you don't set goals, you get lost." □

Sociology major sets high goals

BY REBECCA RIVETTE
CHART REPORTER

Looking to graduate school makes grades a priority for Stephanie White.

"I've known that I wanted to go to graduate school," she said. "I guess my goal here was to work hard enough to get into the graduate school I want to go to."

White, a senior sociology major from Carl Junction, has a 3.97 grade-point average.

She has narrowed her choices of schools to the University of California-Berkeley and Arizona State University. She is interested in the study of religions and plans to enter a Ph.D. program in cultural anthropology.

"I'd like to do research and also teach at the college or university level," she said.

Though plans include taking a year off before entering a graduate program, White said she would like to take a class or two at Southern next fall. She is also interested in available archaeological digs.

White credits a portion of her academic success to her instructors and her membership in the honors program.

"I'm not a very good study person, actually," she said. "I guess I make myself do the work. All of the teachers I've always had really supported me and really helped me work hard."

One such instructor is Dr. David Tate, head of the social science department. He is White's favorite.

"I like how he teaches and his sense of humor," she said. "He also encourages me, and he's really worked hard to get me where I want to go. He's a good inspiration to me."

Comparative Cultures, taught by Tate, is White's favorite class.

"It's just exactly what I want to do," she said. "I like the study of different cultures and how they work."

Tate is not surprised by White's choice of study or level of interest.

"Stephanie has a real love and interest for the study of human behavior," he said.

"Because of that, her strong suit, beyond her intelligence, is her enthusiasm."

When it comes time to apply to graduate school, the section of White's application which requests a listing of extracurricular activities will not be empty.

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Name: Stephanie White

Major: Sociology

GPA: 3.97

She is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the Arab League, and the National Organization for Women, and is a volunteer for the AIDS Foundation Team and the Hammons Program.

White said she may participate in the Model United Nations next year.

Despite her extensive community and campus involvement, White is employed full-time as the assistant manager of the The Coffee and Tea Company at Northpark Mall.

White is pleased with her four years at Southern.

"I like the smallness of the classes, and I really like my major," she said.

Her advice to current students reflects this attitude.

"If you're not enjoying what you're doing, don't do it," she said. □



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Sociology major Stephanie White has narrowed her choice of graduate schools to the University of California-Berkeley and Arizona University.

Passmore wants to teach 'close to home'



Steve Gurley/The Chart

Rhea Lynn Passmore, English education major, (right) attributes her success at Missouri Southern to her husband and to her mother, who congratulates her after the Honors Convocation.

BY ALLISON REGIER
CHART REPORTER

Working, raising a child, and going to college hasn't been much of a problem for Rhea Passmore.

Getting good grades seem to come naturally for the English education major. She possesses a 3.872 grade-point average and attributes her success to her mother.

"I wouldn't have been able to do it without my mother," Passmore said. "She took care of my 5-year-old son when I needed to study or go to the library. My husband helped a great deal also."

Creative Writing: Poetry, taught by Dr. Joy Dworkin, assistant professor of English, was Passmore's favorite class.

"The students in the class got to know each other very well," Passmore said. "It became like a family to me."

Some of Passmore's poetry has been published in the *Winged Lion*, the literary arts magazine of Missouri Southern. She also read some of her poetry at the Sigma Tau Delta conference in St. Louis this year.

"The Sigma Tau Delta conferences have been my most memorable expe-

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Name: Rhea Passmore

Major: English

GPA: 3.872

riences because I got to know the other people in Sigma Tau Delta," she said. "Reading my poetry in front of strangers may not necessarily be a good thing, but it certainly is memorable."

Passmore is also the chapter president of Sigma Tau Delta, which is an international English honor society.

Dr. Dale Simpson, associate professor of English, is her favorite instructor. Passmore believes Simpson is the instructor who taught her the most.

"Rhea is very bright and pleasant, and she has a good sense of humor," Simpson said. "She is a hard, diligent worker. I'm very proud of her."

Passmore believes joining an organization or club on campus is a great way to have fun in college.

After graduation, she wants to teach junior high or high school somewhere "close to home." □

Vanderlip: Study hard

■ Accounting major Lori Vanderlip knows the importance of hard work

By NICK PARKER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Lori Vanderlip has put education high on her priority list for the last four and a half years.

"Good grades have enabled me to go to school," she said. "They have given me the scholarships to go to school."

Vanderlip has been active in the Accounting Club, serving in several positions including president in 1993-94. Dr. James Shaver, professor of business, said her work as co-chairperson for the "résumé book" was excellent.

The résumé book, made up of senior accounting majors' résumés, is distributed to local employers.

"She is one of my favorite students," Shaver said. "She is an excellent student and a hard worker. She does a lot besides just go to school. She has been the president of the Accounting Club and chaired several committees in that club."

Vanderlip said she enjoyed her experiences as a member of the Accounting Club. She is also a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Alpha Chi.

"If I had to do it again, I would join clubs earlier," she said. "You get to know instructors and students in them, and it helps make friends."

Vanderlip said she finds it difficult to explain why she chose accounting, but likes the opportunities offered by her chosen field.

"I like working with numbers," she said. "Accounting gives me the chance to do different things. I can go into auditing, managerial accounting, taxes. There are lots of options. Accounting just gives me a broad field to choose from."

Vanderlip, who has a 3.87 cumulative grade-point average, said Intermediate Accounting II was her toughest class.

"It was a four-hour class," she said, "and you went through so much material. You had to absorb it all because it hits you again on the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam."

Vanderlip said she has enjoyed her experience at Missouri Southern, and would recommend the College to others. Vanderlip also has advice for incoming students.

"Study hard," she said. "Don't be afraid of instructors—they are people, too. Get to know the deans and faculty of your departments. They tell you what clubs to join and who to see about jobs."

"Dr. Shaver was particularly

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Name: Lori Vanderlip

Major: Accounting

GPA: 3.87

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Lori Vanderlip

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helpful. He was the hardest instructor, but he was also the best. If you didn't understand, he would explain it so you could. He has about 20 or 30 different ways of explaining one thing." □

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Outstanding graduates by department:

Elementary Ed.....	5	Spanish/English Ed....	1
Accounting.....	4	Music.....	1
Criminal Justice.....	2	Comp. Info. Science..	1
Biology.....	2	Economics/Finance....	1
English.....	2	Psychology.....	1
Sociology.....	2	Marketing.....	1
Communications.....	1	Nursing.....	1

Kuncl says she had lots of fun' at College

By RYAN HOWERTON
CHART REPORTER

Fun and all its synonyms describe Jennifer Kuncl's college career at Missouri Southern.

"It's been lots of fun," she said. "I've had a blast and met a lot of great people."

A computer information science major, Kuncl has a 3.97 grade-point average. She is involved in Koinonia, the honors program, the Student Senate, Alpha Chi, the Campus Activities Board, Phi Eta Sigma, and several of the intramural sports.

One of the crowning moments of Kuncl's education was going to Oxford, England, last summer.

"It was the trip of a lifetime," she said. "We took a class in medieval English history and got to see old castles. It was great."

One of her favorite classes at Southern was Cultural and Natural History of England, an honors class taught by Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology.

"Jennifer has a dynamite personality," Jackson said. "She has a great sense of humor and a rapier wit."

"If I wanted someone to stand in a

Top 25 Seniors of May '95

Name: Jennifer Kuncl

Major: Computer Information Science

GPA: 3.97

courtroom and defend me, Jennifer would be that person because of her honesty and personality."

Kuncl designed a new computerized voting system for the College in her toughest class, Systems Analysis and Design.

"It was tough because it was my senior honors class," she said, "and the voting system was a big project thrown on top of our normal class work."

Kuncl plans to attend graduate school at the University of North Texas. She attributes her success at Southern to her many activities, and she leaves this advice for underclassmen:

"Make sure you get involved," she said. "Don't sweat the small stuff. If you have your priorities straight and put God first, He'll take care of the rest." □



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Jennifer Kuncl, computer information science major, helped design a campus-wide computer voting system, which is in the testing stages.

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